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**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Cursillo Movement of the Catholic Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico is to participate in the pastoral plan of our diocese under the guidance and direction of the Diocesan Bishop and the appointed Spiritual Advisor, through the continued use of the Cursillo Method for evangelizing environments. All the leadership of the diocesan movement (which includes the Secretariat, School of Leaders and area Ultreya communities) shall provide to other Cursillistas an example of perseverance in the Fourth Day in all phases and activities of the Movement.

Relying on the constant guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit and a continuing practice of Palanca for all phases of the Cursillo, the Diocesan Cursillo Movement shall continue to participate in the evangelization mission of the Church through the process of targeting environments, identifying the leaders in those environments. With them, we shall attempt to develop Christian communities and foster Christian growth which, in turn, will continue to change the world, and bring the world closer to Christ, Our Redeemer.

**Goals and Objectives**

**Pre-Cursillo**

The primary goal of the Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Gallup is to target and evangelize specific environments. Toward that end, each individual Cursillista of the Diocese is actively encouraged to participate in the three-step effort to:

* Select the targeted environments.
* Identify the leaders of environments to which they already belong, and with which they are already familiar.
* Befriend those leaders with the objective of bringing them closer to Christ and sharing the mission of changing the environment for Christ.

A secondary, though still necessary, goal of our Diocesan Movement is to ensure that the Movement, itself, is sustained by preparing like-minded Christian leaders to embrace the Cursillo Method of perseverance in evangelization and Christian life. Toward that end, active Cursillistas who can serve as good examples of the Cursillo Method are encouraged to prepare and sponsor potential candidates for participation in the Three-Day Weekend and all that follows (life in the Fourth Day).

This process of preparation is the Pre-Cursillo phase of the Movement, and the Cursillo leadership shall be committed to the goal of on-going education and encouragement of eligible Sponsors in the basics of the Method. The objective is to provide Sponsors with a clear understanding of the Method and to ensure active participation in the essential elements of the Movement (especially Group Reunion and Ultreya), so that candidates will be more likely to persevere in their Fourth Day.

Our Movement shall endeavor to ensure (through workshops, the School of Leaders, personal contact and other methods) the preparation and support of Sponsors for their role. In addition, the Movement will ensure the preparation of potential candidates; not only for the weekend experience, but for the commitment they will make to persevere in the Christian life in the Fourth Day through the use of the Cursillo Method.

With the objective of a continually renewed focus on an authentic and appropriate Pre-Cursillo, this Movement hopes to achieve the goal of renewing and refreshing itself, and providing a true Cursillo experience for participants.

**The Three-Day Weekend**

The Three-Day Weekend is the second phase of Cursillo, and our Movement recognizes and appreciates the vibrancy and vitality which the weekend experience brings not only to the candidates, but to the Team Members and entire community as well. Our commitment is that through the implementation of an authentic Pre-Cursillo, the weekend experience will be more meaningful for all concerned.

The goal of the weekend is to create the experience of a loving, committed Christian community in and through which candidates experience Christ in a new and personal way; and to prepare them to join other Cursillistas in living the Fourth Day according to the Cursillo Method for persevering in Christian life after the weekend.

The objectives for this goal are: 1) the appropriate team formation of knowledgeable, active Cursillistas to present the weekend, and 2) adherence to the standards of the Three-Day Weekend as promulgated by the National Secretariat.

Toward these ends, our Movement is committed to provide continuing education in the basic elements of Cursillo through the following:

* The on-going School of Leaders and periodic workshops for individuals interested in serving on a team.
* A specific period of spiritual and technical team formation for those called to serve on team.
* Conducting a periodic Rector's School for the specific training for potential team leaders.

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This Movement's adherence to the standards and guidelines promulgated by the National Secretariat for the right conduct of the three days additionally ensures that format and content of the weekend (especially in regard to the Rollos) is authentic and provides the optimum weekend experience.

It is our firm conviction that these objectives provide the best possible foundation for service on a team, and for an authentic presentation of the Cursillo message during the three days.

**Post-Cursillo**

The third phase of Cursillo is the Post-Cursillo, or Fourth Day, and its goal is to provide Cursillistas with the necessary structure and support to persevere in their commitments to live what is basic to being a Christian and to effectively evangelize their environments.

The objectives for meeting this goal are:

* To assist in forming and maintaining healthy Group Reunions.
* To maintain and foster the vitality and authenticity of Ultreyas and participation in them.
* To conduct the regular School of Leaders.
* Presentation of seasonal Days of Recollection for the Cursillo community.
* To sponsor periodic workshops on various aspects of Cursillo.

Group Reunions are a basic element of the Cursillo Method. Sponsors are encouraged to bring their candidates to their own Group Reunion or see to their placement in another. At the end of each Three-Day Weekend, candidates are assisted in forming Groups with each other, if desired. Participation in a Group Reunion is essential for Sponsorship or participation on team. Our Movement upholds these guidelines as essential for fostering the true importance of the Group Reunion.

This Movement equally upholds the importance of the Ultreya in the Fourth Day, requiring regular participation for Sponsorship and Team membership. All Ultreya dates are regularly advertised in the Cursillo newsletters, and the Secretariat oversees the Ultreya communities in maintaining format and content. Through the Ultreya committees which have been established, the quality of the Ultreyas is maintained by monitoring the witness talks and fostering their improvement. The committees additionally confirm the presence of the Spiritual Advisor at each Ultreya.

The School of Leaders continues the spiritual and educational formation of the Cursillistas, in order to promote their knowledge and confidence in the work of planning their evangelization in an effective manner.

Christian fellowship and individual spiritual growth are promoted through the twice-yearly Days of Recollection, which are geared to both personal and communal preparation for celebrating the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Our movement is committed, as well, to being open to other appropriate methods for the continuing development and encouragement of the Cursillistas of the Diocese. Through the annual Advent and Lenten Gatherings, picnics, Weekend Reunions and other means, this Movement becomes closer, stronger, more committed and more effective in accomplishing the Lord's work.

**School of Leaders**

Special mention must be made of the role of the School of Leaders in the Fourth Day. Our Movement recognizes the vital importance the School holds in the goal of the continuing formation of Cursillistas. Our objective is to make the local School a working group reunion which provides an encouraging, challenging atmosphere enabling the Cursillista to learn more, do more and accomplish more.

As a Movement, we do not see the School of Leaders simply as a training school for future team members. While basic Cursillo teachings and literature provide the backbone of School formation, our Movement recognizes the need for further progress in the study of the faith. We are committed to both of these elements in our School of Leaders.

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