



## Praise God! Cursillo is growing in Waiapu.

New to the Diocese of Waiapu, and a world-wide movement, Cursillo is a missional arm of the Anglican Church. Cursillo is a lay-led organisation within the ethos of the Anglican Church, overseen by Bishop David, and supported and encouraged by clergy. The mission of Cursillo is to help us Anglicans to *know Jesus, and to make Jesus known*.

### Three-Day Cursillos

Cursillo means, a 'short course'. The Three-Day Cursillo is a short course in Christian living. You do the course once. Through Cursillo we, as lay people, see what it means to be disciples of Christ today. We see how we can be effective Christian influences on our communities and environments - beyond the Church.

Three-Day Cursillos take place each year, for up to twenty-five Parishioners from Churches anywhere in the Diocese. It's a three-day live-in commitment for participants, those who desire to strengthen their personal relationship with Jesus, mature their faith as Christians, and seek ways to make Jesus known in their own environments. The course offers them the experience of a full programme rich in learning, experiences, reflections and spiritual growth within a joyful Christian community.

### The gifting

We in Waiapu received the gift of Women's 1 and Men's 1 from the Diocese of Wellington Diocese in 2011 to launch us into our own programme. We have around 60 Cursillo 'veterans' living in Waiapu.

In 2012 we are to receive the gift of Waiapu Combined 1 (men + women) from the Diocese of Waikato & Taranaki. It will be held at Keswick Christian Camp, Rotorua, on 30 August – 2 September 2012. Ten from Waiapu and eight from Waikato & Taranaki are combining their skills and service to offer up to 28 Waiapu lay people and clergy from throughout the Diocese the Cursillo experience.

### Looking ahead

A three-person Cursillo Secretariat, together with a five-person Servant Community, is spear-heading the growth of Cursillo in the Diocese of Waiapu. In planning are Waiapu Women's 2 [April 2013] and Waiapu Men's 2 [October 2013] in the Hawkes Bay area. Lay Directors of these Three-Day Cursillos are Gail Spence and Shane Story.

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.* 1 Peter, 4:10.

That's what Cursillo can help us all to do.

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