



# Tell me about ***CURSILLO*** in the Diocese of Waiapu

## What is Cursillo?

It is a worldwide movement of the Christian Church which aims to Christianise environments through small Christian communities committed to living and spreading the Gospel.

## Cursillo Aims

The movement offers a method by which our relationship with God may be developed, lived out with the support of other Christians, and used by God to change the world about us.

Cursillo aims to inspire, challenge and equip us as church members for Christian action in our homes, communities, parishes, and places of work and leisure.

The name CURSILLO reflects its Spanish origins, its full title being "Cursillo de Cristiandad" which means 'short course in living Christianity'.

## A concise summary of Cursillo

Our usual approach in trying to provide a summary of Cursillo is to focus on "the weekend". We recall the many friendships, the music, the laughter, the tears, and that great sense of being part of a special community in a spirit-filled environment.

But that would be to miss the main point of Cursillo which is the Fourth Day, and especially the Group Reunion. Weekends are great, but weekends end. And then we must leave the comfortable surroundings we have been enjoying and return to the "real world" where life goes on. The point of Cursillo is not to put on great weekends. It is to provide a method for our living a Christian pattern of life in the world "where life goes on". That pattern – framed in our Rule of life – will be most successfully followed when we live alongside a group of other engaged Christians who can provide one another with encouragement, support, accountability and companionship.

## Want to know more?

If Cursillo looks interesting you can get in touch with us either

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- by emailing us at [gail.spence@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gail.spence@xtra.co.nz)
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