

Bylaws for the English Cursillo® Secretariat

of the Diocese of Monterey

PREAMBLE

The Cursillo® Movement pursues two purposes or objectives: an immediate purpose: to provide a channel for living what is fundamental for being a Christian = the progressive and complete conversion of the person, metanoia (a complete change - of mind and heart); the end purpose is to vertebrae Christianity in society by means of these persons who live what is fundamental for being Christian (the love of God and neighbor) in their daily lives.

Simply explained, the purpose of the Cursillo® Movement is that we become the Good News, and that our actions naturally turn out to be evangelical in our daily lives.

Unity of purpose is essential if there is to be a natural and complete service to Jesus Christ through the Cursillo® Movement. Individualism can cause the advancement of the Movement to become stagnant. The Secretariat unifies the Movement on all levels, and indicates the path to be followed in essential matters of practical details as indicated in the official literature. However, Leaders should be consulted in all matters of importance before deciding what should or should not be done.

The members of the School of Leaders will be in constant communication with the Secretariat. The members of the Secretariat, for their part, should remember that the Lord, through their bishop, has entrusted them with the responsibility of implementing an authentic Cursillo® Movement in the Diocese. Conscious of each other's talents, the Secretariat should coordinate individual contributions into a total effort in support of the Movement in all its phases: PreCursillo, Cursillo® and PostCursillo.

Making decisions is a difficult process and a great responsibility assigned to the Secretariat. The support of all the Cursillistas is needed in prayer and Palanca. In guiding the Movement, the Secretariat must determine its individual potential, and have it contribute to the building up of the Kingdom of God.

Although the Secretariat has the Bishop's authority to implement the Cursillo® Movement in a diocese, it should not be dictatorial, but should view its authority as one of service to the Movement as a whole. The members should keep in mind that Christ has entrusted the Movement's direction to it, through the bishop to whom the Secretariat will have to give an account.

