

Stewardship in the Cursillo Movement

Stewardship in a Catholic Movement context refers to the responsible management and use of the gifts that God has given to the Cursillo community. This concept goes beyond financial support and encompasses the sharing of time, talent, and treasure as an expression of gratitude for God's blessings. It is a way of life that encourages Cursillistas to live as disciples of Jesus, reflecting their baptismal promises and motivating their actions through gratitude rather than obligation.

In essence, stewardship involves:

- Receiving God's gifts gratefully: Recognizing and appreciating the blessings and talents bestowed upon us.
- Cherishing and tending them responsibly: Using these gifts in a manner that is accountable and respectful.
- Sharing them in justice and love: Offering our time, talents, and resources to support the Cursillo Movement.
- Returning them with increase to the Lord: Enhancing and multiplying these gifts through our actions and contributions.

This holistic approach to stewardship aims to deepen personal relationships with Jesus and foster a spiritually vibrant and financially secure Cursillo Movement.

The Benefits of Stewardship

Stewardship and Friendship

We are associated, connected, linked, and related through friendship within the Body of Christ and the gift of Cursillo!

International & World Cursillo Stewardship

The US National Cursillo Movement is united with the NACG, North American Caribbean Group, through stewardship. The US, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands form the NACG International Group. National Cursillo is connected to the OMCC, the worldwide organization of Cursillos in Christianity. The OMCC includes four international groups.

Recognition from the NCCB and Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) recognizes the US Cursillo Movement. Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo is the liaison between Cursillo and the NCCB. "The National Cursillo Movement of the USA enjoys the approval to develop and carry out functions as an Ecclesial Movement within the US Episcopal Conference." (Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, NCCB, May 4, 2023) The Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life acknowledges the US National Cursillo Movement.

Stewardship and Service to the Cursillo Movement

The dioceses serve the Cursillistas within their boundaries, the regions serve all the dioceses in the area, and the national secretariat supports the 12 regions of Cursillo.

Access to the Cursillo Bookstore, Materials, and Trademarks

One of the benefits of Stewardship is that it gives Dioceses access to the National Cursillo website, bookstore, materials, and registered trademarks, including the Cursillo name and logo.

Access to National Cursillo Workshops

The Regional Coordinators and Service Teams are available to inform the Diocesan Cursillo Secretariats and Schools about the Cursillo's founder, mentality, purpose, method, and charism through one-day or two-day custom workshops tailored to the needs of each diocese. This information is also accessible during the annual spring and fall regional encounters

Access to The Cursillo Resource Center

Dioceses can access <u>My Resource Center</u> online to learn about the founder's life, the charism, and the history of Cursillo. Cursillistas can read, listen to, view, and download articles, audio files, and videos. These materials cover nearly every aspect of the movement.

Access to Diocesan-Regional Cursillo Website Listing

Dioceses and regions may request to link their diocesan or regional Cursillo website to the national Cursillo website at https://cursillousa.org/links-contacts/.

Access to Prayer and Palanca Request

Dioceses and regions can request *prayer and palanca* for Cursillo-related events.

Access to the National Cursillo Center

The National Cursillo Center is located at 250 W. FM 487 in Jarrell, TX 76537. The center is approximately 45 minutes north of Austin, TX. Stop by for a visit. The phone number is 512-746-2020, and the email address is admin@natlcursillo.org.

Why is Stewardship Essential?

- Stewardship enables us to support each other's evangelization efforts beyond the borders of our local parishes and dioceses.
- Stewardship shows the unity of who we are as a movement across the diocesan, regional, national, and global levels.
- Stewardship ensures consistency in the Cursillo message, enhancing evangelization efforts.
- Stewardship unites us through diversity, love, and friendship.
- Stewardship preserves the movement's structure as a single body, with a unified essence, purpose, mentality, method, and charism.
- Stewardship helps maintain the financial stability of the Cursillo Movement, allowing it to keep serving the Cursillistas across the 12 Regions of the US.

How and Where is Stewardship Revenue Used?

- Daily operation of the National Cursillo Center.
- Insurance for the National Cursillo Center property.
- National Cursillo Center lease, computers, printers, shipping, utility bills, phone, internet service, and maintenance.
- Print and ship books to Cursillistas.
- Purchase Cursillo crosses, t-shirts, caps, mugs, etc.
- University fees and other expenses associated with the annual National Encounter.
- Travel expenses, room and board for Regional Coordinators (Fall Meeting) and Staff to attend the National Secretariat meeting in November.
- NACG affiliation.
- OMCC affiliation.
- Employee compensation.

Thank you for your friendship, leadership, service, and teamwork!v

National Cursillo Secretariat National Spiritual Advisors National Cursillo Language Coordinators National Cursillo Center Coordinator

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