

Cursillo: Chicago Pilgrimage

A Post National Cursillo Encounter Activity for those Flying out of Chicago (ORD or MDW)

Sunday, July 26, 2026



Do you want to experience Chicago culture and spirituality while you attend the National Cursillo Encounter? Sign-up for this amazing tour. We will pick you up at Wheaton College, tour you through select spiritual and cultural sites of Chicagoland then drop you off at your airport between 4-5pm estimated. It is the perfect way to experience Chicagoland and still fly home on Sunday. Please ensure your flight is booked after 7:00pm. The cost is \$155 per person all inclusive of fees, tax and tips. Tour will be in English with Spanish translation.

8:00 am After you enjoy Breakfast and check-out of your dorm at Wheaton College, bring your luggage to the Centennial Drive Entrance of Fischer Hall to check-in & obtain your color-coded luggage tag based on your airport/terminal ORD/MDW.

8:15 am Your Chicago Pilgrimage departs Wheaton College and drives through Chicagoland to our first destination.

Our first stop will be **Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica and the National Shrine of Saint Peregrine**. After a guided tour of this Romanesque Church, the earliest 'minor' basilica in Chicago, you will experience Via Matris, the way of the sorrowful Mother, followed by Holy Mass.



Next, we will visit **The National Shrine of Francis Xavier Cabrini**. The former Columbus Hospital Chapel, this Shrine honors a remarkable, if diminutive, Italian woman who exercised her claim that she could "do all things through Christ". Visit the Chapel with her Relic. Enjoy the Museum and Gift Shop.



Break bread with your Cursillista friends in the heart of Chicago, dine on a delicious lunch at **HomeSlice**. A variety of foods will be offered including appetizer, salad, pizza and beverages.



Our final visit will be to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe** in Des Plaines. This shrine offers an accessible outdoor replica of Tepeyac where visitors hush to silent prayer, leave flowers, gratitude and needs. Indoor chapels offer additional places of worship. You can purchase items at the gift shop.



Catholic Church Tours is a not-for profit specializing in enjoyable, local day trips to places where heaven meets earth. Cursillo has partnered with them to share the key Catholic sites of Chicagoland sharing with our Cursillistas the beauty and culture through an exploration of the sacred sites during an enjoyable, memorable day trip. Space is limited (minimum of 35 registrants required for tour to run), register soon at: <https://www.catholicchurchtours.com/private-tour> Enter Password: **Encounter26**
Nell at Catholic Church Tours at 312-869-2286 or Bobbi with Cursillo at 585-727-4866.