

Group Reunion

*“Where two or three are gathered together in my name
I shall be there with them.” Matthew 18:20*

There are several different forms of group reunion but a typical meeting will follow a format similar to the one shown below.

Opening Prayers including

*“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit
who has been given to us”* and the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Piety—Our Personal Relationship with God

- What has helped us grow closer to Christ?
- When have we been most aware of Christ?
- What has helped or hindered our growth in Christ?

Study—Developing our Faith.

What have we seen, read or heard that has helped us grow in our knowledge of Christ, walk with Christ or has helped in our personal, family, community or work environments?

Action—Sharing our Faith.

- Have we shared our faith in Christ this week?
- What have we done for others as servants of Christ?
- What has hindered us from witnessing for Christ?
- Has Christ Strengthened us through failure?
- What are our individual plans for action?
- What are the Group’s plans for action?

Closing Prayers

A time of prayer based upon what has been shared, on parish life and including Praise, Thanksgiving and prayers for others.

Meetings then normally end with the Grace.



The purpose of Melbourne Anglican Cursillo is to nourish and equip people so that they may embrace and enjoy the fullness of Christian Life.

It is often said that the purpose of the three Day Weekends is to introduce Christians to Group Reunion, to bring them into small, loving, supportive Christian Communities.

On your weekend you valued the support of your table community, your small group for that weekend. Your Group Reunion is your small group for after the weekend, an informal group who meet on a regular basis as close friends to support and encourage each other.

Why would you add another meeting to a busy schedule? Because your group reunion can pick you up and get you going again to cope with the busyness. It provides the focus for your Christian living as your group helps each other to stay on the track.

It encourages us to look around, and to plan to make a difference for Christ, with each other's help.

Our Group Reunions are the life blood of the Cursillo Movement and their aim is to bring people together to:

- Keep us focused on the tripod of Piety, Study and Apostolic Action that we studied on our weekend.
- Nourish and equip each other so that we may embrace and enjoy the fullness of Christian life.
- Pray as a community
- Form friendship cells – sharing our lives
- To communicate on a level that matters
- Encourage involvement in Cursillo activities.
- Encourage Christian Action in their own environments

It is your sponsor's responsibility to help you find a group reunion that suits your needs.

Group reunions are many and varied and there is sure to be a group near you that can meet your needs. If the first group you join isn't quite what you want look around for one that suits you better. It's very important that you find a group where the members, the schedule, the location and the method suits you.

It's important to meet frequently enough preferably weekly, so that the group can develop real friendships and the sharing and involvement can grow. Any gap longer than two weeks and the group reunion may lose touch with members' daily Christian lives, with their individual Fourth Day experiences.

The size of a Group Reunion is not important but between 3 and 6 seems to be ideal. Too small and the sharing is not enough, too large and people are not as involved, and the meeting can be too long.

There are women only groups, men only groups and mixed groups, some couples like to be in the same group, others prefer to join different groups. Groups meet at all times of the day, some meet before or for breakfast, some meet over lunch, some meet during the day and some meet in the evening or at weekends.

Leadership of the Group should be shared. Even if your group finds your reunion works better with one person leading all of the group should take turns as the leader.

Group Reunion is there to support you in your 'Fourth Day', - the rest of your earthly life

Ultreyas

There are also monthly regional or Diocesan gatherings of Cursillistas which we call an Ultreya (remember, the Spanish cry of encouragement to pilgrims on the road?) Dates are in Spectrum and on the website. Your sponsor should help you to attend at least your first Ultreya.

