

National Policy for Cursillo Movements in the United States of America

I. DEFINITION

A Diocesan Cursillo Movement shall be considered authentic if, in its conduct and implementation of the purpose, method and strategy of the Cursillo Movement, it adheres to all policies of the National Movement as promulgated by the National Secretariat and contained within the literature of the Cursillo Movement.

II. CRITERIA FOR AUTHENTICITY

In order to be considered an authentic Cursillo Movement a diocese must meet the following criteria:

C. Three Day Weekend

6. Eliminate from the Three Day Weekend all non-essential elements, such as mañanitas, serenades, agapes, parandas, parties, and/or any activities that have the potential to distract the candidates from the true purpose of the Three Days;
7. Eliminate all unnecessary contact between those inside the conference room (team and candidates) and the outside Cursillo community (including kitchen and/or palanca teams) and including among other things contact arising as a result of the non-essentials addressed in # 6 above;

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THE 4th DAY COMMUNITY

The participants of the Cursillo require isolation in order to build a united Christian community in only three days. Since the atmosphere must be reflective, prayerful and sincere, everything that is a distraction must be avoided, particularly any contact between the 4th day (outside) community and the Cursillo Weekend community.

The greatest contribution the 4th day community can make to the Cursillo is to offer "Real Palanca" and attend the Closing, the initial point of contact between the outside community and the new community. Any contact by individuals who are not part of the team should be avoided, except during the Closing. Secretariats should not allow opportunities for Cursillistas to drop in and out of the Cursillo, no matter what the excuse. If kitchen help is needed, it should be kept to a small group who should have minimum contact with the Cursillo participants, unless they were part of the team from the beginning. People should not be allowed to come in and out to offer Palanca. The same holds true for other practices and adaptations such as "serenades" or "mañanitas", etc. The mañanitas can be offered at the Closing, which is the contact point between the 4th day community and new Cursillistas.