

## *History of a Charism*

Eduardo Bonnín wrote this book. History of a Charism reflects the living trajectory that the Foundational Charism of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement has been following since its beginnings and the difficulties it has encountered throughout its history to keep it true to its identity. The correspondence held with Fr. Cesareo Gil explains it in detail. The truth of the facts always comes to the surface because it is true, even though many novels have been written about it. I have the desire and hope that someday these realities, the roots from which the motivation, the Method, and the style of our Movement have been emerging, will be considered. God willing, this effort will help Cursillos continue with more vitality and strength in their normal growth from the stem that gives its intention and meaning, which is to spread Good News that God, in Christ, loves us throughout the world.

**Eduardo's Thinking:** The Cursillos in Christianity Movement is something that is given to someone, or some, for all . . . it is for all of humanity. One of the ideas we submitted to the Hierarchy was that Cursillo had to be for everyone, and that people had to go together: workforce employees, university students, businesspeople, and people from rural areas. The Hierarchy was pleased with the idea of doing something to approach the faraway.

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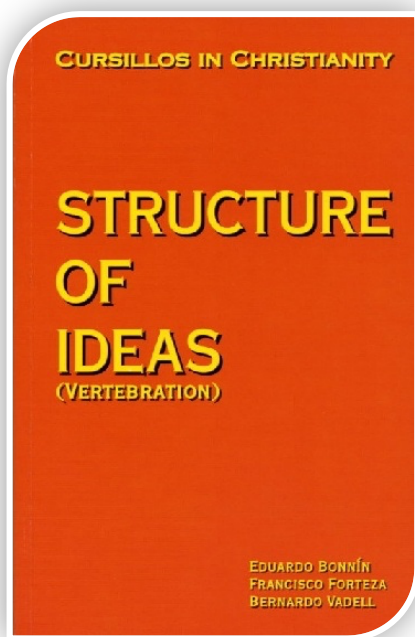
The Foundational Charism of the Cursillos in Christianity, Introduction, History of a Charism, Correspondence with Fr. Cesareo Gil, The Man in Grace Ferments Structures with the Gospel, Account of the Facts That Actually Occurred, Suggestions to the "Project to Update Fundamental Ideas," Cursillos Process of What Has Happened Since Its Beginnings, Agents of Change, The Ideological Nerve of The Cursillos, Cursillo Generates Personal & Evangelical Creativity, America in Our Pilgrimage, How God Wants the World, Appendix 1: Clarification on the Method of Cursillos, Appendix 2: The Cursillos, Yet to Have its Debut, Letter 1: Even When One Has Good Will, He Has Not Understood the Message, Letter 2: Explains Exactly What the Cursillo Intends.

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## **Structure of Ideas**

This book was written by Eduardo and is a foundational book on Cursillo. It is probably the most brilliant of the Cursillo writings. Systematically, this book is a study of human existence, which is our way of living and the person's reactions in life. You will find many ideas rich in theology and psychology, ideas that motivate, sustain, and form the backbone of the Cursillo. Cursillo is not only ideas but also a body of realities. When an idea becomes a reality, it becomes powerful because the TRUTH is brought to life and involves a vital commitment.

In 1962 the first book on the Cursillo methodology appeared. Its content has helped and continues to help with total validity to developing the Cursillo Movement in many Schools of Leaders. From the global outline of the Movement, passing through the stages of Precursillo, Cursillo, and Postcursillo to the in-depth study of the Mentality written on index cards. These index cards were prepared to help us reflect on our lives. This book is a good resource for those serving on a Cursillo Weekend. It is a practical book.

The authors intend and propose to attain vertebration of criteria in the work of the Cursillos in Christianity. They understand by criterion the nucleus of ideas which, based on the individual's inclination to expose himself without reservation to the truth, gives him a measure for what is certain and a sense of accuracy. Vertebration is the orderly and systematic evaluation of the truths that are embraced, actually or potentially, in this nucleus of ideas.

This book is a study of The *Method*: what is being done; The *Mentality*: why it is being done - The *Purpose*: for what reason it is being done; The *System*: with what and how it is being done.

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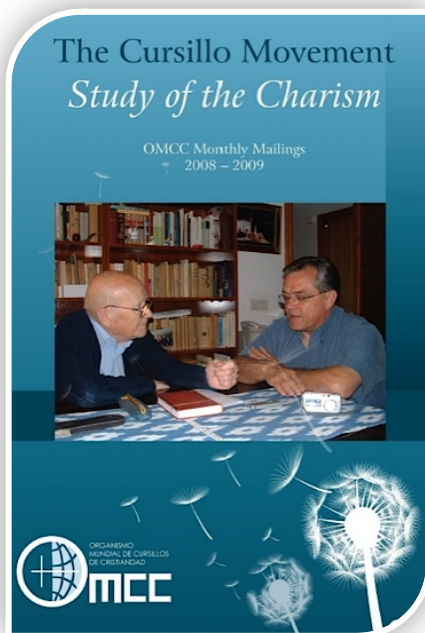
General Outline, Method, Mentality, Purpose, and System.

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## **Study of the Charism**

All Cursillistas worldwide are encouraged to study the charism of the Cursillo Movement. This call to study the charism came in 1997 at the 5th World Encounter of the Cursillo Movement in Seoul, Korea. The Pontifical Council for the Laity echoed this call to all Movements in the Church at their World Congress of Ecclesial Movements in 1998. Pope John Paul II stated: “The founder is the pivot of the life of every movement because he is the bearer of the original charism from which it is born and through which it lives.”

What is intended with this work is to attempt to reach every reader who wants to know the truth of the Charism of Cursillo as inspired by the Holy Spirit. In every moment of the history of the Church, providential events have occurred, which the Lord uses to create in people a rebirth of the Spirit. Cursillo is one of these events.

**Eduardo’s Thinking:** “From the very first talk of the Cursillo, reference is made to the offer that the Lord makes to us to live in Grace. During the three days of the Cursillo, it is repeatedly stated that it is possible to live in Grace. In the last Rollo of the Cursillo a Total Security of friendship is offered – Group Reunion and Ultreya.” (pg. 118)

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Introduction, Charism (Definition), Charism (New Movements), A Gratuitous Gift from God, Recognized by the Hierarchy, The Person Who Receives It, A Lay Movement, Essence and Purpose, Precursillo, Cursillo (3-Day), Postcursillo, Secretariat and School of Leaders, My Spiritual Testament, Contrast and Comparison between Fundamental Ideas and The Foundational Charism.

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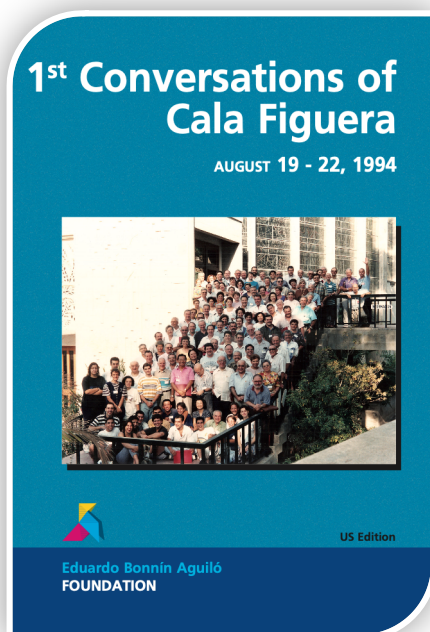
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Conversations of Cala Figuera

This book is a 2017 updated translation. It presents ten topics highlighting several ideas about the person that resonates with the founding essence of the Cursillo Movement. In August 1994, the 50th Anniversary of the first Cursillo Weekend of Cala Figuera, the 1st Conversations of Cala Figuera took place in Mallorca, Spain; an event in which 146 delegates of the Cursillos in Christianity from fifteen countries of the world participated. In this international encounter, the ten topics by different Cursillistas developed a decade of concepts that, if well understood (or believed with the heart) will bring the person closer to God and the Foundational Charism of the Cursillos in Christianity.

This book offers a treasure of great truths, plain but not simple. Truths at which those who have understood and harmoniously combined with their lives the true spirit of the Cursillos.

**Eduardo's Thinking:** "We speak a lot of the Foundational Charism of Cursillos, and it is important that we have an idea of what it means. There are many aspects of the Charism, but we have chosen to focus on specific aspects of the thought to restore the sense of knowing how to think. It is a unique opportunity to immerse ourselves in the founding charism."

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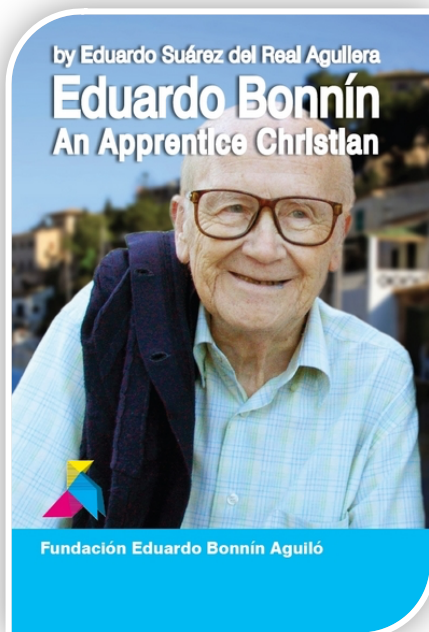
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## ***Eduardo Bonnín, An Apprentice Christian***

This book is a different type of biography. It is a series of interviews with Eduardo on different topics concerning his life and the Cursillo Movement. The Cursillos in Christianity opened a way to live the Gospel in the present time. Today, millions of people around the world conjugate in the first person the word of Christ, thanks to the experience of Cursillos, born in the Majorcan secular environment. This long conversation with Eduardo Bonnín, founder of the Cursillos, sheds light on the difficult and luminous trajectory of a man, made of heaven and clay, who was called to make transparent the tenderness of God in the world. Eduardo was the bearer of the Good News: “GOD LOVES YOU.” Between historical character and understanding of the mentality, we know through this reading the facts of Cursillo and the person of Eduardo Bonnín.

Millions of people have discovered the love of God through the experience lived in Cursillo, a Movement founded by the Spanish layman Eduardo Bonnín. Through these pages, Bonnín accurately and concisely uncovers the meaning of Cursillo and the methodology of this mature Charism that has changed the lives of so many. The founder explains the origins of this spirituality directed to today’s people and its expansion throughout the world, as well as outlining the pedagogy of the Cursillo.

**Eduardo’s Thinking:** The challenges the world presents the person have not changed: the absence of God in the mind and heart. The solution is always the same: It is Christ and his grace that is the only thing that can give meaning to Life. “Deep within us there is nothing to change; one thing is all that is needed: to understand “as yourself.” To repent and believe the Gospel. How do I need to love? As myself - it’s simple.” (Pages 82 & 147)

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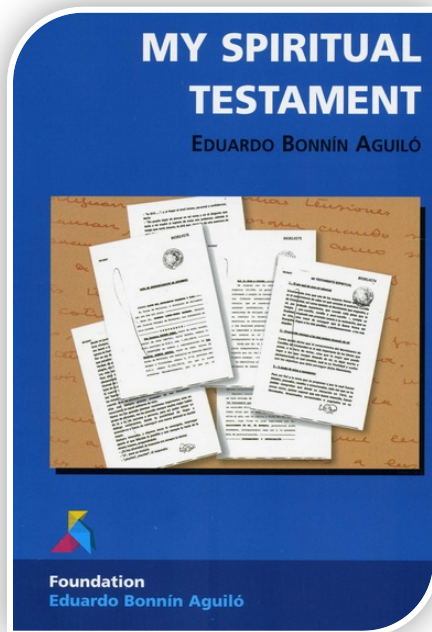
Definition of the work, Method, Personal Testimony, A Precious Gift from Heaven, The Lord Has to Be Discovered in Daily Life, There Are No She Souls and He Souls, Our Movement Is In Need of Persons Who Know How to Believe, An Apprentice Christian, People Are Afraid of Truth and Reality, We Should Only Believe What We Cannot Know, Knowing the World Through the Perspective of Those Who Do Not Go to Confession, The Patches of God Are Better Than His First Work, The Disorderly Proliferation of the Good Seed Produces Stranger Conflicts Than That of the Weeds, Which Direction is the World Heading, Testimonials, Eduardo’s Thoughts in a Few Minutes.

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## ***M*y Spiritual Testament**

Through these pages, a discovery is made of the Foundational Charism of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement. Every word leads to contemplation of the “living water” that has flowed from this Charism. After 75 years, the water is still clear and life-giving because of its authenticity. It is a Charism that encourages people to encounter Christ in the normality of their life without leaving the environment where God has placed them. They discover a Christ alive, normal, and close to us. In this testament, the ideas that are the stronghold of the Essence, Purpose, and Mentality of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement emphasize that its method is FRIENDSHIP. This is the posthumous Spiritual Testament of Eduardo Bonnín, the author. He wanted to convey facts and motives that existed from the beginning of Cursillo with the intention that they would last. He also wanted to notarize this document so there would be no doubt about its origin and authenticity.

**Eduardo’s Thinking:** “With God at work in the sacraments, we gradually discover that living in Grace, despite all the ups and downs, adventures, and misadventures of life, that the most important thing in life is life itself. We are grateful that life is beautiful, people are important, and life is worth living. Since grace is creative, we have a way of seeing the same old things with new eyes.” (Pages 40-41)

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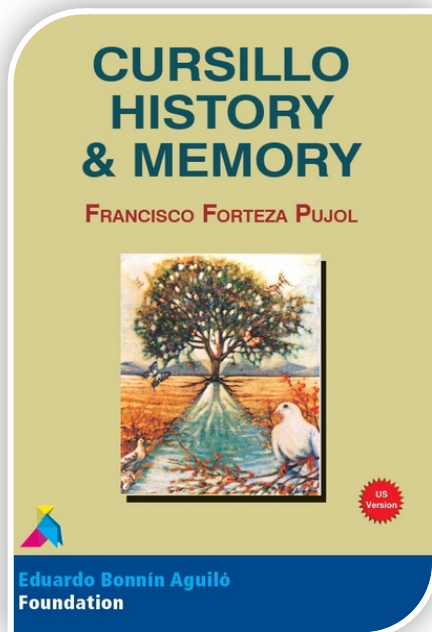
The Reason for My Testament, A Categorical Responsibility to Those Who May Come After Me, By Way of Warning to Seafarers, Historical Clarification on the True Origins of the Cursillo, Its Ideas and Founding, How Did the Idea of the Study of the Environment Occur To Me, The History of What Happened Between the Study of the Environment and the First Three Day Cursillo, Group Reunion and Ultreya: A Guarantee of Perseverance, Fidelity to the Method: Precursillo, Three Day Weekend, and Postcursillo, Looking At Weaknesses in the Cursillo, With Regard to the Far Away, The True Authorship of Cursillo, What Others Contributed to the Cursillo Movement in its Early Days, Summing Up, Notarized Document.

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## **C**ursillo History & Memory

The pages in this book depict one of the most unique and yet most unknown events in our recent history: The Cursillos in Christianity Movement. Francisco Forteza's book avoids the "apologetic tone" and the "cold historicism." It can be categorized as testimonial literature. It openly reveals the human condition, not exempt from errors, intrigues, and manipulations that have occurred in the Cursillo Movement, while claiming at the same time the validity of what, in the author's language, is understood as "The Foundational Charism." The Cursillos in Christianity Movement was born in 1944 on the Island of Mallorca, Spain.

"The De Colores song was popular in Spain. De Colores was one of many songs used to liven the environment during Cursillos. It was judged essential that the songs should not be devotional and could be easily learned and sung. De Colores succeeded because its lyrics are reminiscent of the Grace that "sheds new light on old ideas," which is the core message of Cursillos."

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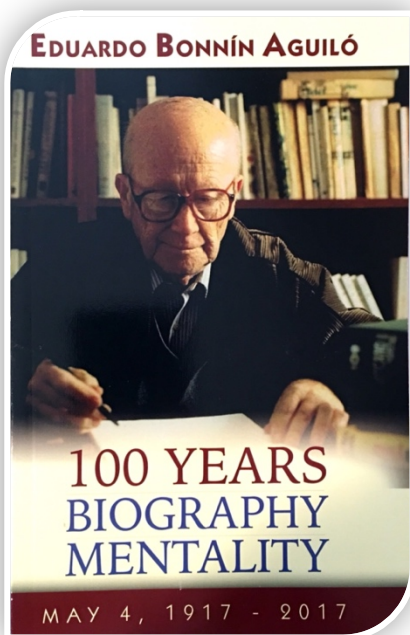
The Historical Background in Mallorca, The Catholic Action of Aparici, Birth of the Method, Episcopal Assistance, First Tensions About Group Reunion, Ultreya and School, A Style is Developed, Should We Always Use the Same Method, The Real Roots: The Process of Cursillo Rooted in Reality, Impact On the Institutional Church, First Controversies, The First Development Outside of Mallorca [Valencia, Terrassa, Tarragona, La Seu de Urgel, Barbastro, Solsona], Columbia and Cursillos for Women, The National Council of Spanish Catholic Action, The Lay Influence, The Priests in Salamanca and Rome, The First Secretariat, The Name of the Movement, The Early Leaders, The New Bishop, Dr. Enciso's Pastoral Letter, Bishop Hervas Pastoral Letter, Episcopal Sanctions-Exit of the Clergy, How the Laymen Faced the Crisis [Local Activities & Outside of Mallorca], Structure of Ideas, The Leaders Manual, The Cursillo of Bishop Enciso, Extensive International Expansion [Mexico, North America, Central America, Europe, South America, Africa, Asia, Australia], Founders Quarrels, Bishop Hervas and I, The Story of Fr. Sequí, The Cursillos of Cursillos, Cursillos and Vatican II, Cursillos in Spain [1970-1990], The Pulse of Cursillo Today.

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## **E**duardo Bonnín Aguiló **100 Years: Biography & Mentality**

This book is about Eduardo's biography and thoughts. It was written on the anniversary of Eduardo's 100th birthday. The first part, his BIOGRAPHY, deals with the stages in his life in a simple way. The second part, his MENTALITY, approaches his way of thinking. His entire life was dedicated to Christ, the Person, and Friendship. We pray that Eduardo will be canonized for his holiness. The authors refer to him as the "Saint of Normality."

Together with the historical description of the events in Eduardo's life, this book tells us the evolution of his thinking, his motivations, the depth of his vision about human relations, and his extraordinary faith in the love that God, out of love for Christ, shows for every person.

**Eduardo's Thinking:** "The Gospel requires a decision to put faith, hope, and charity in every circumstance of life." We need to be open to reality and attentive to people". "What we must evangelize is daily

life, the day-to-day, every moment, that is, the natural, normal, human things that happen and keep happening to us, which sometimes need forgiveness, understanding, or endurance. At other times, it's a matter of forgiving ourselves, understanding and putting up with ourselves". (Page 135)

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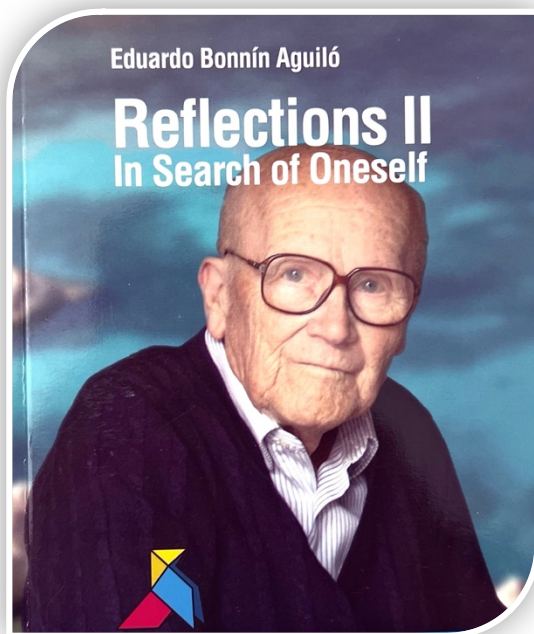
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**R***eflections II, In Search of Oneself*  
Eduardo prepared many index cards for his personal use, which he frequently used as a script when he spoke. Some contain a single thought, but others constitute true outlines that are somewhat difficult to interpret for those who are not the author himself.

These index cards expose an important part of Eduardo's thinking. It was thought that they could be rewritten in a version that was easily accessible to all, always trying to reproduce his ideas with the utmost fidelity. However, it was inevitable losing, at least in part, his peculiar and very personal way of expressing himself. The difficulty increased because the index cards were phrased, as has already been said, to help in the oral interventions and never think about their written publication.

This work was initiated by Guillermo Bibiloni, who knew Eduardo and the subject matter. He authored a "History of Cursillos," which was incomplete due to his death. Until recently, this information had been forgotten among the innumerable works and writings of Eduardo. The manuscript was found.

This work, adapted by Guillermo Bibiloni, is the one that is published now, leaving for later the rest of the files, which continue to be reviewed. A few years ago, a booklet written by Eduardo was published with this same title. Although some coincidence is possible, the content of these first "Reflections" and "Reflections II" is different since the author did not resort to the files we know but to other sources from his archive.

**Eduardo's Thinking:** "The person who loves lives twice."

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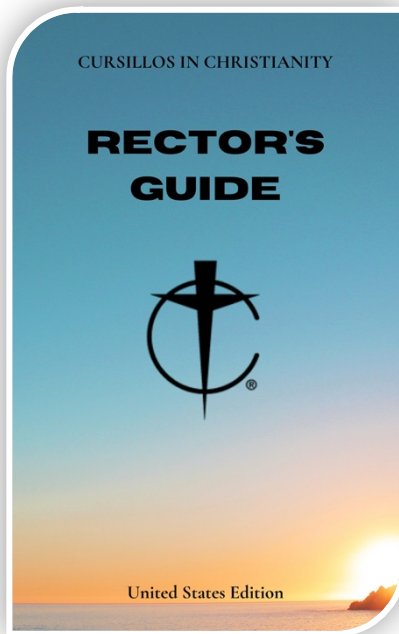
1-God comes to encounter us, 2-Faith: Man's most powerful force, 3-Christ: the voice and face of God, 4-The Gospel, to evangelize, 5-Being a Christian, Christianity, 6-The Church. A Christian all on his own is not a Christian, 7-Be yourself, 8-Person, Character, Personality, 9-Friendship, 10-Attitudes and reactions, 11-Love. The person who loves, lives twice, 12-Joy and being in a good mood, 13-Spirituality, 14-Truth and life, 15-Humanism, and the current situation in the world.

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## **R**ector's Guide *A Step-by-Step Guide for the Cursillo Weekend*

Eduardo Bonnín is the author of the Rector's Guide. He shared with the leaders in Mallorca that this Guide is offered to the World Cursillo Movement to assist them in ensuring that the Cursillo Weekend content is simple, clear, and containing all that is necessary, nothing more, nothing less.

By its very nature, Cursillo must go deep down into the depths of the person, into his innermost and intimate self, not merely into the specific circumstances surrounding him: married or single, practicing or indifferent, etc. There must be nothing that might keep him from the target at which he aims. The encounter must be between Christ and the person, face-to-face, one-on-one.

The book includes the Rector's, Appendices, and Lay Rollos.

**Eduardo's Thinking:** "I sincerely believe that one of the greatest assets that I possess is the knowledge of what the real Cursillo of Christianity consists of, as well as the Movement engendered by them." (My Spiritual Testament)

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