



Cursillo

Re-Imagined

Cursillo is a discipleship formation method that encourages Christians to grow and live out their faith through regular Bible study, Prayer and intentional action (local mission and ministry) and to do this in small accountability groups (called group reunions) that meet regularly to encourage and support each other.

Cursillo began in the Diocese in 1978 and had a significant impact across the whole of the Diocese. It raised up many Lay people to more committed ministry in their local churches and for the Diocese. Although not its primary objective it was also an important pathway for some of these activated members to ordained ministry.

Difficulties with finding new lay members to manage and organise Cursillo in the Diocese saw it become inactive in 2017 but a number of parish group reunions are still active. With the authority and direction of Bishop Mark, Rev. Doug Newman is engaging with the National Secretariat of Anglican Cursillo to consider **the possibility** of reactivating Cursillo in the Diocese. The intent would be to run shorter initial training weekends (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon), with less talks than previously, and to focus on renewing parish based small groups. People who had previously done Cursillo would be encouraged to do the training weekend again as a part of the restart process.

Should the Diocese reactivate Cursillo? If Cursillo is to be reactivated a key need will be a small team of committed Lay people to organise and lead the program for the Diocese. If you have an opinion (**for** or **against**) or would be interested in being involved in the discussion, please contact Rev Doug Newman on 0428907200 or at drnewman1956@gmail.com