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# **Glossary of Terms commonly used in Cursillo**

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**Authentic:** In accordance with the Licence gifted to the UK from Episcopal Cursillo Ministry in the USA.

**BAC:** British Anglican Cursillo

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**Clausura:** The closing service of a three day weekend.

**Cursillista:** A person who has had the experience of a three day weekend and is using the method.

**Cursillo:** (pronounced 'Cur-see-yo') A movement of the church which provides a method by which Christians are empowered to grow in prayer, study and action and enabled to share God's love with everyone.

**Cursillo in Cristiandad:** (From the original Spanish terms) A short course (i.e. a track) in how to live a Christian life.

**Cursillo method:** Supporting one's Christian discipleship through the use, and participation in, Group Reunion and Ultreya.

**Clergy Taster Day:** An event, day, or 24 hours when clergy are invited to understand how Cursillo can help support their ministry.

**CLW (Cursillo Leaders' Workshop):** A weekend to increase a Cursillista's knowledge of the movement and the roles and responsibilities within the movement including the Secretariat, the Servant Community and for a weekend.

**De Colores:** (Spanish for 'The colours') The name of a child's song which was sung by the pilgrims walking on the Camino - the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela.

**DDU (Day of Deeper Understanding):** A event to remind people of the purposes and method of the Cursillo movement within the church.

**Floating Group Reunion:** A meeting of a small group of people who do not usually meet together, but who meet at an Ultreya or another Cursillo event.

**Fourth Day:** the time after a weekend when we live out our

faith in action with the support of the Cursillo method.

**Gifting:** The process by which an existing Cursillo Diocese enables another Diocese to establish the Cursillo, with the permission of the gifting and receiving Dioceses.

**Gifting Liaison Officer: (GLO)** The person appointed to oversee the gifting process.

**Group Reunion:** A short meeting of a small (3-5) group of friends or colleagues who regularly share their prayer, study and actions. It is primarily a listening group.

**Lay Director:** The person who leads Cursillo in a Diocese.

**Lay Rector:** The person appointed to lead a three day weekend.

**Meditation:** A reflective talk given by clergy on a three day weekend concerning a passage of scripture.

**Palanca:** (Spanish for a lever) Prayer and selfless acts of love, which may include visible signs e.g. cards for a weekend participant or person in need.

**Participant:** One who takes part in a three day weekend.

**Piety:** Interchangeable with **'prayer'** in Cursillo literature: time taken in a closer walk with God.

**Rollo:** A talk at the three day weekend "pronounced Roy-O"

**Rule of Life:** An individual and personal plan for Christian commitment and living which is reviewed regularly.

**Secretariat:** The officers elected to form a committee responsible for managing and organising Cursillo in a Dioceses.

**Servant Community:** Those who are active in the Cursillo community, supporting the use of the Cursillo method.

**Spiritual Adviser:** A member of the clergy who are on team for a three day weekend or on duty at an Ultreya.

**Spiritual Director:** The priest who works together with the Lay Director of a Diocesan Cursillo and is responsible for all

spiritual matters as well as arranging for clergy to attend Ultreyas and to be on team on a Cursillo weekend and is appointed by the bishop.

**Sponsor:** The person who is responsible for seeking out, preparing and supporting potential candidates for a weekend.

**Team/Staff:** Cursillistas who are prepared and trained to serve on a three day weekend.

**Three Day Weekend** (Sometimes referred to as the Authentic Three Day Weekend): A weekend which goes from sunset to sunset, usually from a Thursday evening to a Sunday afternoon, and during which time a selected team of trained Cursillistas (clergy and lay) deliver 15 talks and 5 meditations to committed Christians who have not previously been on a weekend and who have been sponsored by existing Cursillistas.

**Ultreya: 1)** A word of encouragement to persevere and keep going.

**Ultreya: 2)** A meeting of reunion groups and other Christians to share together in prayer, study and action and to listen to one person's recent experience of action, a response by a member of the clergy, and how this is relevant to our own growth in faith.

**Wake Up:** A term used in some Dioceses for a short early morning gathering.

