

QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FOR CURSILLO IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Qualifications:

To be an effective Spiritual Director, the priest or deacon must be familiar with the nature of Cursillo and the history of the Movement.

As Spiritual Director, the priest or deacon is the link between Cursillo and the church leadership. In the words of Eduardo Bonnín, our founder: "The Cursillo Movement is a movement in the Church, not for the Church, but rather for the world, in the same way that the Church herself is. As part of the Church, it needs priests and lay people in it who, in addition to a constant dialogue, must be faithful to and not distance themselves from the Foundational Charism." (Signs of Hope, an interview with Eduardo Bonnín conducted by Bishop Josef Cordes, President of the Pontifical Council, Cor Unum, 1997.)

As a lay movement, Cursillo has its own leadership and charism; as a movement of the Church, it is subordinate to the church leadership. Therefore in a diocese, the diocesan Spiritual Director has the responsibility of keeping the bishop informed about Cursillo within the diocese. The Spiritual Director's role is to provide sacramental ministry and spiritual guidance and to teach.

The responsibility for the functioning of Cursillo lies first with the lay leaders. The Spiritual Director is a co-worker with them, working alongside them and contributing in a specific manner. He should be available to help and advise on matters of theology and spirituality.

Responsibilities:

1. Provide Liaison with the Office of the Archbishop.
2. Oversee the spiritual needs of the Secretariats.
3. Attend the bi-annual meetings of the General Secretariat.
4. Provide spiritual and sacramental support to Cursillistas when needed.
5. Advise the Secretariats on matters of theology.
6. Assist in acquiring and training other priests, deacons and vowed religious to serve as team spiritual directors.
7. Work closely with the Anglican Spiritual Director for Cursillo for the Episcopal Diocese of California.