

Canadian Anglican Cursillo
CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THE
DIOCESAN SECRETARIAT



The Secretariat meetings function as a Group Reunion. One leg of the tripod which is often overlooked by the Secretariat as a whole is Study.

One of the most important aspects of the Diocesan Secretariat is to have an education program centered on the Cursillo method. As new people join a Secretariat and as new Cursillo guidelines are developed, there is a need to keep Secretariat members up to date and knowledgeable.

Secretariat members are also members of the local Servant Community. Although Servant Community teachings should also be attended by Secretariat members, the education of the Secretariat is of necessity more comprehensive and broader in scope than that of the Servant Community.

There is plenty of information available in both the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry (ECM) Library and the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) Library. A suggested format to share this information is through an *Annual Education Plan* developed by Secretariat. This plan would then prioritize the guidelines from two major sources and determine which ones need study. At an initial Secretariat meeting have the list of the *Table of Contents* for both Libraries and have each Secretariat member indicate which item(s) they would like to study.

There are three ways in which an Education/Study Program for Diocesan Secretariats can be implemented:

1. It is recommended that each Secretariat member have access to a copy of both Cursillo Libraries (ECM & CACS) and be actively encouraged to read them. Both Libraries are reviewed and changed on a regular basis, and are available at:

Website address for ECM is: <http://episcopalcurstilloministry.org>

Website address for CACS is: www.anglicancursillo.com

2. Take 10 minutes of each Secretariat meeting to present and discuss a pertinent issue from a book/guideline from one of the Libraries. Assign a Secretariat member to be responsible for presenting and leading the discussion. Set up a rotational schedule so that all Secretariat members share the load.

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3. If your Cursillo community has written operational guidelines, ensure that each Secretariat member has a copy and that these are reviewed with all incoming Secretariat members at the first meeting.
4. A one day or a half day annual workshop could help to deepen the understanding of the Cursillo method. This workshop should be available to the entire Cursillo community, especially to current or future weekend team members, Secretariat members, clergy, etc. This could also serve as a Servant Community event.
5. On a regular basis, the Diocesan Secretariat should hold a Cursillo Learners' Workshop (CLW). This can readily be achieved by inviting the National Secretariat to offer a CLW for the Diocesan Movement. Information on the content and benefit of holding a CLW can be found on the CACS website.
6. We would encourage the Diocesan Secretariat to send a delegate to the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Triennial Conference and General Meeting as it provides an excellent opportunity for Secretariat education, networking and sharing of ideas with other Secretariats.