

PERMANENT GROUP REUNIONCARD

What Is It?

A permanent group reunion card is a printed card which is given to each Cursillista on the Cursillo weekend. This card is usually pocket-sized and is to be used as a guide during permanent group reunion.

Key Components

The group reunion cards **must** include, but is not limited to:

1. Prayer to the Holy Spirit

There are two versions of this prayer. Either may be used.

Version One: Almighty and ever living God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Collect for the Day of Pentecost from the Book of Alternative Services, page 345)

Version Two: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen (Adapted from the Sentence for the Day of Pentecost (BAS) and Psalm 104:30, combined with the Collect for Whitsunday, Book of Common Prayer, page 207)

2. Piety

This first section of the card helps the person to focus on personal piety and answer the question: "How have I tried to respond to the grace of God through the help which He provides?" The question "When did you feel most aware of Christ's presence?" **must** be included here.

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3. Study

This section of the card allows the person to examine specific types of study which have been undertaken and helps to answer the question "How has the grace of God transformed me through study?"

4. Action

This third section of the card is meant to focus the person's attention on how personal apostolic action has been achieved, and must include the question "What is **my** apostolic **plan for** this week?"

Additional Optional Components

Although these are not necessary to include on a permanent group reunion card, some may be helpful to Cursillistas, and might be considered.

- 1. Additional opening prayer
- 2. Suggestion for additional prayer, reading, reflection, the Lord's Prayer
- 3. Scriptural quotes with each of Piety, Study, Action
- 4. Personal sentence of commitment
- 5. Closing Prayer
- 6. The Grace

Many group reunion cards include the local diocesan Cursillo logo, as a means of further identification.

Sample Permanent Group Reunion Card On the following page <u>is a sample format</u> for a permanent group reunion card which can be used either in its entirety, or as a model for a diocesan movement's card. It is developed as a tri-fold card.

Further Reading ECM Library: Group Reunion The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement