

Cenacle Prayer Group

In her messages, Our Lady insistently calls upon priests, religious and faithful to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Why this insistence? What is most important in the world and in the Church today is the preparation for the Second Pentecost through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. To draw down upon us this gift of the Holy Spirit, we must enter with her into the cenacle.

Our Lady invites us to enter into the cenacle of her Immaculate Heart by means of our consecration. In the cenacle of her Heart she will nourish, form, and help us to grow in perfect consecration to her. She calls us to form cenacles together with her and to multiply and spread them everywhere, so that the Divine Spirit of Love may pass through the golden door of her Immaculate Heart and thus prepare humanity for a new era of grace and holiness.

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The Cenacle must include a certain format in order to fulfill the basic requirements. A format of our gathering is listed below:

- Our Lady of Cenacle prayer
- Praying the rosary with required prayers between the decades
- Reciting required prayers at the end of the rosary
- Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Song
- 'Lady of All Nations' prayer
- Act of consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart
- Music followed by quiet time
- Petitions and thanks for favors received
- Three Hair Mary's in thanks
- I hail Mary for Father Gobbi's intentions
- The Lord's prayer, Hail Mary and Glory be...for the Pope and his intentions
- Reading from the book 'To The Priests'

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Church and the world need more than ever that the miracle of Pentecost should continue in history. Nothing is more necessary to this increasing secularized world than the witness of this spiritual renewal that we see the Holy Spirit evoking...How could this spiritual renewal not be good fortune for the Church and the world? (Pope Paul VI in 1975 Ninth International Conference on the Charismatic Renewal)

The purpose of our meeting is to give honor, glory, praise and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We do this through song, praise, Scripture reading and teachings and by witnessing as to how God is showing His presence in our lives.

The structure of our prayer meeting is as follows:

- Opening songs
- Opening prayer
- Praise and worship in the tongues of men and of angels
- Quiet time for God to speak to us
- Reading and / or teaching
- Sharing
- Petitions
- Closing prayer
- Closing song

We are a Catholic Charismatic prayer group and while we welcome all Christian believers we maintain our Catholic faith and traditions.

For more information regarding the Charismatic community in our diocese you may access information on the internet at <http://www.orlandocharismatic.net/>

We meet every Sunday at 7:00 P.M. in St. Mark the Evangelist Parish Hall.

Cursillo

Cursillos in Christianity is a movement that, through a method of its own tries to, and through God's grace manages to; enable the essential realities of the Christian to come to life in the uniqueness, originality, and creativity of each person. In becoming aware of their potential and while accepting their limitations they exercise their freedom by their conviction, strengthen their will with their decision, to propitiate friendship in virtue of their constancy in both their personal and community life.

The Cursillo Movement consists of proclaiming the best news of the best reality: that God, in Christ, loves us. Communicated by the best means, which is friendship towards the best of each one, which is his being person and his capacity of Conviction, Decision, and Constancy.

And what needs to be emphasized today, now, and immediately in order to be on the cutting edge of today's debate is to facilitate and make possible for every person to encounter oneself always and absolutely essential in order to be able to encounter God and others.

What happens at a Cursillo Weekend?

The Cursillo weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. During these three days the Cursillistas live and work together, listen to talks given by religious and lay persons and participate on private and group activities. They attend daily Mass, receive the Eucharist, pray the Rosary and visit the Blessed Sacrament.

Cursillo Follow Through...

You may attend a Cursillo weekend only once in your life, but you are asked to build on it from then on. The after activity is called the 'Fourth Day' which is actually the rest of your life. Those attending are asked to do two things during their lives;

- Expand their own inner spiritual life through a program of daily spiritual exercises
- Become a more active Apostle of Christ.

Perseverance is the key to any method of renewal, and the community spirit is continued in a few ways:

- Group reunion of 3-5 men or women who meet weekly for a period of about one hour to encourage one another in their quest for spiritual development and apostolic activity
- Ultreya which is a monthly meeting of the local community to give Cursillistas a chance to meet and renew the spirit of the Cursillo through each other's witness and encouragement.

The Rosary Prayer Group

We are a spiritual group devoted to the Blessed Mother. Our purpose is twofold, to honor Mary our Mother by bringing special attention to select Marian feast days during the year and to try to educate and make others more aware of the power of prayer to Mary the Mother of Christ and our Mother, especially by praying the rosary.

Other than furthering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to praying the rosary our group:

- Makes rosaries that are distributed to the parishioners and donate them to other ministries within the St. Mark's community
- Once a year we hold a fund raiser to raise money to purchase supplies needed to make rosaries.
- As a service to our community we have purchased a unique selection of rosaries for our parishioners to use as gifts.
- On the first Saturday of May we host the May crowning of Mary

We meet on the first Saturday of each month after the 8:30 A.M. Mass and recite the rosary.

Small Christian Communities

Christ calls us to experience His presence in the everyday and ordinary. It is in our lived experience that the Gospel is made visible to those we encounter in our lives. Small Christian Communities is a group of people gather together to listen to the stories of God's presence in our lives and in our experiences.

We are small faith sharing groups focused on Sunday readings and exploring personal faith journeys. We open our gatherings with prayer asking God for understanding of the scriptures, reading the scripture and then discuss what has been read.

As a guide to apply scripture in our daily lives we use ***God's Word is Alive*** by Alice L. Camille. This is a time of prayer, discussion and fellowship with your fellow Christian friends.

Guidelines include:

- Constant attention to respect, honesty and openness for each person will assist the community's growth. Each person shares on the level where he or she feels comfortable.
- Silence is a vital part of the total process. Participants are given time to reflect before sharing begins, and a period of comfortable silence might occur between individual sharing.
- Persons are encouraged to wait to share a second time until others have contributed. The entire community is responsible for participating and faith-sharing.
- Confidentiality is essential, allowing each person to share honestly. Action flowing out of the small community meetings is essential for growth of individuals and the community.