

Letter to the Cursillistas of Buenos Aires from Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio
(then Archbishop of Buenos Aires, now Pope Francis)

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Dear Cursillistas:

“The good seed are the children of the Kingdom” (Mt 13: 38)

As we near the feast of St. Paul, your patron saint and model of how to live “de Colores”, we give thanks to God for all the fruits that, throughout the years, the work of the *Cursillo in Christianity* has given generously to the Church.

Your service in proclaiming Christ, being his witnesses in daily environments, is beneficial to experiencing a renewal in concrete form, the baptism in Him of which we have received and of which you are converted into disciples and missionaries of the Word, as expressed in the [Constitution of the Church](#). To this apostolate all are called by the same Lord in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Confirmation. (Nº 33).

I write to you conscious of the difficulties that the [inculturation](#) of the Gospel presents in the present society and trust that your boldness and apostolic fervor, born of the personal encounter with yourself and with Christ, may carry you to make history, in your service of the good, so that many of your brothers, excluded or not, who live in the periphery, may feel embraced by the love of Jesus.

Being pilgrims in our City means not to be sedentary, but open to life and to pay attention to what is happening in our heart like a Good Samaritan seeing the harshness of life for so many of our brethren. It is necessary that the Cursillo Movement, through the participation of all, continue its path of pastoral conversion similar to the [Aparecida](#).

Like Cursillistas in difficult times you need to ask God for the Grace to have many converts, to have always a Cursillo weekend forthcoming, so as not to fall prey to a hopelessness that paralyzes and anguishes. The gift of the [Kerygma](#) that you received in the Cursillo is your mission to introduce the “tripod” of piety, study, and action.

As an Archdiocesan Church we need the unity of all in Christ, so that He, only He, reigns in our hearts and enables us to then recognize Him like the disciples in Emmaus.

As I give you thanks for your pilgrimage as Cursillistas I ask you not to give up renewing in the Eucharistic Christ your apostolic burning of fire and zeal and that of your brothers in your Group Reunions.

Today more than ever we need your presence in your environments to be full of light and joyfulness for many fellow Christians, who ignore God as a Father who loves them tenderly.

Today more than ever we need your presence so that many families encounter in the transcending love of Christ, a new and grander dimension of human love.

Today more than ever we need your person and testimony in the Ultreyas, so to go “forth”, further, in the proclamation and living out the Kerygma.

I ask you to please pray for me. May Jesus bless you and the Virgin, Mother of Divine Grace, look after you.

Affectionately,

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio SJ, Archbishop of Buenos Aires