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A B S T R A C T

The Cursillos in Christianity Movement is a very active religious organization which is known as a "little course in Christianity" (Reilly, 1980). The Cursillos in Christianity Movement foster teachings that aim to provide leadership training for individuals, it approaches this aim by facilitating the individual to work within the Christian Community, which therefore includes the family which is considered as the smallest Christian community. While the family is known to mean parents and children interacting within a system. The present study was designed in such a way that it would be able to determine whether the active involvement of parents in the Cursillos in Christianity Movement influence their relationship with their children. Likewise, it sought to describe what kind of relationship exists between parents and children when their parents are actively involved in the movement. The three dimensions of parent-child relationships, which are: permissiveness-restrictiveness, warmth-hostility and communication-noncommunication were used in determining what kind of relationship exists between parents and children. In the process it also sought to determine whether parents who are actively involved in the Cursillos in Christianity movement have better relationships with their children,



than those who are not involved in the movement. These problems were answered through the case study approach, wherein the researcher interviewed five pairs of parents who were actively involved in the Cursillos in Christianity Movement, while the other five pairs of parents were not involved in the movement.

The data gathered indicated that the parents active involvement in the movement influence their relationship with their children. It was also observed that these parents are more permissive, they provide warm atmospheres between their children and themselves and they find it easier to communicate with their children. Thus it follows that they have better parent-child relationships than those parents no involved in the Cursillos in Christianity movement.

