

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Candidate Selection

Those who are about to sponsor a candidate for a Cursillo weekend and for the Cursillo movement must be aware of the task to which we are committing ourselves and of the **seriousness of our action.**

Requirements and Guidelines

The candidate has the potential to be a leader and is capable of acting as an evangelical leaven in his/her environments.

The candidate must be 21 years of age or older and mature enough to assimilate the evangelical message and commit to it.

The husband, as the spiritual head of the family, must attend a Cursillo before his wife.

The candidate must be a Catholic.

There must exist the opportunity for follow-up and support of the Cursillista by the Cursillo community through group reunion and Ultreya. **(Remember: The main job of the sponsor begins after the candidate has attended the Cursillo weekend.)**

The candidate should not be under any unusual stress. (Out of respect for the candidate and in courtesy to other attendees as well, the Cursillo weekend is not to be used as a “cure” for marital or emotional problems, substance abuse, etc. Doing so incurs the risk of causing more harm than good.)

Candidate Preparation

Pray before contacting an applicant.

Do not be secretive. Answer honestly any questions the candidate has about the movement or the weekend.

Explain the Cursillo 4th Day to the candidate.

Invite your candidate to attend group reunion and Ultreya before the Cursillo, if possible.

If possible, explain Cursillo to both husband and wife together.

Candidate Preparation

Submit completed *Candidate's Form and Sponsor's Commitment (including pastor's approval)* to your area representative.

If you cannot personally bring your candidate to the Cursillo weekend, arrange transportation. Candidates should not drive to the Cursillo site alone.

Do palanca for your candidate and write a general and/or personal palanca note.

Provide assistance to your candidate's family as needed throughout the weekend.

Attend the Claursa and take your candidate home. (Notify candidate and spouse of approximate time of return on Sunday evening.)

After the weekend, help your candidate find a permanent group reunion.

Encourage your candidate to become apart of the Cursillo community by

accompanying him/her to Ultreya for the first 12 months.

SPONSOR COMMITMENT

The Cursillo is not intended to “work miracles.” At the time of the Cursillo, your candidate should be free of great personal or family stress, e.g., recent divorce, death in family, etc. If both husband and wife wish to attend, please submit applications together. Return application and sponsor’s commitment form to your Ultreya representative no later than two weeks before the Cursillo weekend.

Please do not fill out this form without reading and accepting the responsibilities described on the other side.

Name of Candidate _____ Age _____ Parish _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Name of Sponsor _____ Parish _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Date of your Cursillo _____ Where do you attend Ultreya?

Group Reunion?

How long have you known this candidate? _____ To your knowledge, does the candidate have any emotional or physical problems or special needs?

If so, please explain: _____

Briefly describe the nature and extent of your contact with the candidate, how you have

developed your friendship and prepared him/her for the weekend, and how you have explained the ongoing Cursillo commitment (Group Reunion, Ultreya.)

If married, what is the spouse's attitude toward the Cursillo?

In what church ministries is the candidate involved and for how long?

To what environment do you expect this candidate to bring Christ?

After reviewing the guidelines on the other side, I accept the responsibility to assist my candidate in his/her 4th Day comment.

(Sponsor's Signature) (Date)

I recommend that the above candidate, a member of my parish, be accepted for the Cursillo Weekend.

(Pastor's Signature) (Parish) (Date)

CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION

WHAT IS A CURSILLO WEEKEND?

The full name is “Cursillo De Cristiandad”, meaning “short course in Christianity”. It is a movement of Christian renewal, started in Spain in 1949 by Bishop Juan Hervas and Dr. Eduardo Bonin. Although it is quite different from a retreat, the Cursillo weekend complements a retreat.

During the three days of the Cursillo weekend from Thursday evening to Sunday evening, people from all walks of life grow close to one another. Religious and lay people form a living, working Christian community to gain a deep awareness of the treasures and responsibility of their faith. The goal of the Cursillo weekend is to give those who make it a new understanding of Jesus Christ, the basic Christian truths, and the desire to serve the church.

The Cursillo weekend is a blend of seriousness, light heartedness, spiritual exercises, talks and discussions. The teachings of Christ are discussed within an atmosphere of joy and song. There are meditations and talks by priests and laymen, and everyone making the Cursillo weekend is urged to participate by taking notes, discussing, and even by making drawings that illustrate major points.

The Cursillo weekend ends at the close of the three days. However, the whole point of the Cursillo movement is that ordinary people can steadily grow in the love and service of God and man for the rest of their lives. Christian growth is not easy, but the Cursillo weekend provides a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards. In the post-Cursillo, emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community from which springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world to live in.

**CANDIDATE'S FROM
FOR ROCKFORD DIOCESE**

Candidate application for Cursillo weekend _____

It is important that anyone considering a Cursillo realize that only individuals who are 21 years of age or older, physically well and emotionally stable should plan to attend.

Name _____ Nickname _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Postal code _____

Age _____ Marital Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Children _____

E-mail address _____

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Are You a Catholic? _____ Parish _____

In order that you be as comfortable as possible during the Cursillo weekend, please list any and all special medical or dietary arrangements that you may need:

Place of employment, type of work, educational background. (Married women include before married.)

Church organizations or movements you actively belong to, or offices held, if any.

