



CURSILLO Sponsor Application
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Delaware and Eastern Shore of Maryland

Speak to God about man before speaking to man about God. To be a Sponsor is a privilege, and as such, carries a serious Christian responsibility. Sponsoring a friend for Cursillo is not a haphazard circumstance. It should be a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Therefore, you must know your candidate very well and consider the important items noted below. Please complete this form and submit it with each application.

Candidates Name : _____ Retreat Date: _____

Sponsor's

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail _____

Sponsor's Cursillo (date and location)

How long have you been discussing Cursillo with your candidate? _____

To the best of your knowledge, is your candidate free to receive the Sacraments? **Yes / No** Candidate's spouse a Cursillistas? **Yes / No**. If no he/she interested in the Cursillo? **Yes / No** What other information or observation can you provide us with about your candidate?

How long and how well do you know your candidate?

Have you explained this is an active, structured retreat not a " restful retreat "? **Yes / No** Are you active in: Group Reunion **Yes / No** Ultreya **Yes / No** How often does your Group meet? _____ If you are not in a Group Reunion or attend Ultreya on a regular basis, you need an active Co-Sponsor. (See Sponsor Guidelines) Your Co-Sponsor is: _____

The cost of the weekend is \$ 150.00 with a non-refundable application fee of \$ 25.00 made out to Wilmington DE Cursillo and accompanies this application. If your candidate cannot attend, a new application and fee must be submitted next year, we do not hold applications. Never let the cost of the weekend be the deciding factor in determining if you candidate is going to attend. If cost is an issue discuss the problem with you're the Lay Director.

As a sponsor, you are making the following commitments:

Pre Cursillo - Keep in close contract with your candidate prior to the weekend. (encourage & help prepare). Offer Palanca.

Cursillo - Arrange transportation to and from the weekend, and see to the needs of your candidate's family. Be there for your candidate.

Post Cursillo - Follow through with your candidate for 6 months after the weekend. Help your candidate find a group reunion. Start a Group Reunion. Take your candidate to Ultreya. Go yourself!

I agree with, and understand these commitments I am making to my candidate and the Cursillo movement.

Signed (Sponsor) _____ Date _____

Please return this completed form AND your candidates application and check to:

Wilmington Cursillo Applications
 Attn: Ann Williams
 135 Penny Lane
 Stevensville, MD 21666

For the Sponsor

As you prepare to invite your friend to a weekend, here are a few reminders of what it means to be a Sponsor.

It is now acceptable to discuss some of the weekend we only ask that you do not tell them about Palanca and details of closing. Keep it positive and open. Answer any questions they may have to dismiss their fears but do not tell all.

We realize everyone's fourth day is different so if you are not grouping regularly nor attending Ultreyas it is now required to have a co-sponsor for your friend. The co-sponsor would help you find a group and encourage both of you to attend Ultreyas. You may know an active Cursillista, if not contact someone on the Secretariat or the Advisors list to help you find a co-sponsor.

Help your candidate fill out the Candidate Application. Fill out the sponsor application, be sure to include any special needs your friend may have, hiding any situation or problem is doing an injustice to the Candidate, Team and other Candidates. Full confidentiality is the rule of the weekend.

Begin your personal Palanca for them. Palanca is prayers, sacrifice, fasting, hours of Adoration, Masses, rosaries etc.

Your candidate, who is first your friend, is depending on you to answer all their questions. Should you need help, please call one of the Secretariat members found in your newsletter and on our website or a "veteran" Cursillista.

If your candidate is married, please consider approaching both spouses. Cursillo is not to be a divisive factor in a marriage, it should build relationships, not divide.

Your duties now that your candidate has been accepted for the weekend:

* Bring your candidate to the weekend. If you are not able, it is your responsibility to make arrangements. They should not drive themselves.

*Continue your Palanca.

*Attend the Closing! This is terribly important. Remember your weekend and how wonderful it was to see everyone there to greet you? And of course, bring them home.

* During the weekend see to their family and their needs, make yourself available to them, be available for any emergency etc. Be supportive always and inclusive.

*It is your responsibility to follow up with your candidate for 6 months, if not more. See to it they Group quickly and attend the next Ultreya. You may have to leave your Group and begin a new Group with them-or, if there is room, take them to your Group and get them started.

Information to share with your Candidate for the weekend itself:

- Remind them to eat before they leave home Thursday night. Only light snacks and beverages are available. If you know they will be late arriving, please let us know ahead of time!
- Please tell them the weekend ends with Benediction at St. Catherine's at 4pm. The evening should end by 6pm. Let them know you will meet them at St. Catherine's and be taking them home.
- Bring comfortable, casual clothes, medications and personal items such as toothbrushes, soap and washcloths but towels are provided. They may also bring their own. They are welcome to bring their own pillow. All linens are provided.

Please be an extraordinary sponsor for your candidate! Remember, you are the example they will know when it is their turn to sponsor someone in the future.

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