

SPONSOR INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your “Yes” in being a Cursillo Sponsor! The commitment to be a Cursillo Sponsor is an important one, and we ask you to take it seriously. In order to provide support to a Candidate, a Cursillo Sponsor must personally be living the Fourth Day following the Cursillo method. Pray about your decision to invite someone you know to make a Cursillo and ask the prayers and advice of other Cursillistas and Cursillo Clergy whenever possible. When you approach someone with an invitation to Cursillo, be open and truthful in your explanation of what Cursillo is, though we do ask that you not discuss Palanca or the Closing.

Selection Criteria for Candidates

1. Catholics age 23-80 who exhibit leadership qualities and are capable/wanting to live a holy and apostolic life.
2. Emotionally and physically sound.
3. Can confirm date of the next Cursillo weekend. Go to mycursillo.com for the next available weekend date.
4. If married, both spouses should be encouraged to make a weekend. Who goes first, isn't important.

When discerning whom to invite to make a Cursillo weekend, please keep in mind that Cursillo isn't just a weekend experience or for someone who is looking for a retreat. It also is not meant to heal those who are broken or “fix” someone via group therapy or a cure-all for emotional or personal problems. If your candidate is emotionally struggling, refer them to professionals with proper training. If your Candidate does not meet the requirements for acceptance, recommend alternatives which will contribute to spiritual growth and continue to love/support them.

Duties and Responsibilities of a Sponsor:

1. First and foremost, assure that your candidate fully understands the post-Cursillo commitment and the focus on group reunion. Cursillo is a faith-deepening lifestyle requiring nourishment. It is imperative that you meet frequently with the new Cursillista for at least 4 months following the Weekend to ensure the Cursillista is established in a Group Reunion and regularly attends Ultreyas. Walk with your candidate on this journey!
2. Read, understand and follow-through on these instructions. **Complete/sign the Sponsor Form.**
3. Work with your candidate, if need be, to get Priest's approval on candidate application.
4. Receive, process and submit the Candidates Application/Hobby Sheet, Sponsor Form and \$200 fee via:
 - a. Scan/email (preferred) to Joanne Rinkus at decolores7@optonline.net. Mail the fee **or**
 - b. Postal mail (with weekend fee) to:
Cursillo Weekend Section
c/o Joanne Rinkus
37 Terrace Ave.
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
 - c. Hard copies of all forms hand-delivered to Joanne Rinkus with fee are also acceptable.
5. Arrange for Palanca from your Cursillo community.
6. Communicate with the candidate's family (unbeknownst to candidate) regarding palanca (explain what palanca is), the closing (3:30PM Sunday) and Homecoming. The Sponsor is to strongly encourage the family/friends of the Candidate to attend both the Closing and Homecoming.
7. Arrange for the Candidate's Thursday evening transportation to Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny, NJ, also known as the “Casa”. Weekends begin at 7PM on Thursday. Remind candidates to eat dinner before they come.
8. Arrange for the Candidate's Sunday afternoon pick-up at the Cursillo Closing at “The Casa” and for attending a Homecoming after the Closing.
9. Shortly before the weekend, confirm transportation logistics, Casa meeting time and that the candidate is aware of “What to Bring” (part of candidate application).
10. Answer any last minute/final questions of your candidate.
11. Reassure candidate that they should...**“Just come with an open heart and mind”**.

SPONSORS FORM

Please Print Clearly

Today's Date:			
Candidates Name:			
Sponsors Name:			
Address/City		Zip:	
Phone #:		Email:	
Parish Name:		City/State:	
Year Made Cursillo:		Are you in a group reunion? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you regularly attend Ultreya's and School of Leaders? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Is there an active Cursillo group in your parish? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Have you explained the 4th Day to your candidate? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Are you willing to assist your candidate to get into a Cursillo Group Reunion? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Will you work with the Candidate for at least 4 months following the weekend? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Why do you think this person is a good candidate to make a Cursillo?			
What is your relation to the candidate? How long do you know them and how well do you know them? (please be specific)?			
Do you feel your candidate has the physical/mental health needed for a Cursillo weekend? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Is your candidate free from emotional strain? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If no to either of the above, please explain:			
Which characteristics best describe the Candidate:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Extrovert <input type="checkbox"/> Introvert <input type="checkbox"/> Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Follower <input type="checkbox"/> Talkative <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet <input type="checkbox"/> Serious <input type="checkbox"/> Happy-go-lucky			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):			
I have read and understand everything contained in the instructions and this form. I have spoken to my candidate about the Cursillo Weekend, what they should expect and what is expected of me. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Sponsor Signature:		Date:	