

# **CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

“An Experience in Christian Sharing”

## **GUIDELINES ON SPONSORING A CANDIDATE**

### Purpose of Cursillo Movement:

Our baptismal responsibility is to go forth and proclaim the Gospel. The Cursillo Movement gives us the tools and training to fulfill our baptismal call. It helps us to Christianize our environments (neighborhoods, workplaces, parishes, etc.) by promoting the creation of core groups of Christians who leaven these environments with the Gospel.

### Your Responsibilities as a Sponsor:

If you are considering being a sponsor, you should already be an active Cursillista by being a member of a Group Reunion, participation in Cursillo ministry, etc. This will allow your candidate to see Jesus active in you and be attracted by His presence, and you can show your candidate how to develop a deeper and fuller relationship with Our Lord which will continue to grow and mature. Show your candidate how to be a Christian by the way you live your life, love your family, care for your neighbors, and speak out for Christ.

If you are not currently active in Cursillo ministry, it is recommended that you find an active Co-Sponsor, so that your candidate can be connected to Group Reunions, Ultreyas, and participation in the Christian community following his Cursillo Weekend.

### Purpose of Sponsoring:

Sponsoring must be a deliberate act, and should not be taken lightly. The candidate you sponsor will be the agent who brings Jesus Christ into the world through his environments. He will become an active participant in Group Reunions and Ultreyas, and part of the Christian community that links together with others to bring Jesus Christ into the world. You should know your candidate and his spouse very well, and he should be identified as someone who has the leadership qualities and talents to bring about change in the environment. The requirements for being a candidate are:

- Must be a baptized, practicing Catholic (non-Catholics are not eligible to attend)
- Must be able to participate in the Sacraments
- Should be able to make decisions as an individual
- Should be free from obstacles that hinder the ability to join a Group Reunion

Know your candidate as well as possible, and pray for direction from the Holy Spirit. Know the specific environments your candidate is immersed in, and the reasons why he should attend the Cursillo Weekend.

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If your candidate is married, the couple's spiritual life must be considered. Give the couple a full explanation of the purpose of Cursillo, and what is expected in the 4th Day (Group Reunion and Ultreya). If participation in a Cursillo might have an adverse effect on the marriage, then the candidate should not attend a Cursillo Weekend.

#### Preparing Your Candidate:

This step is crucial, to ensure an active and enriching Postcursillo. Share the Postcursillo expectations with the Candidate before they sign up for the Cursillo Weekend. Explain to him about the complete Cursillo Weekend:

- Each day begins with Morning Prayers and ends with Night Prayers
- Mass is celebrated daily
- There will be other Cursillistas who will be continually praying and offering up sacrifices for the success of the Cursillo Weekend
- Meals will be provided
- Explain the costs associated with attending the Cursillo Weekend
- Ensure that your candidate has read the booklet, What is the Cursillo Movement?

Thursday Night - Get to know each other, and have overview of the Cursillo Weekend. Retreat Phase of the Cursillo Weekend, done in silence and meditation

Friday - To help each candidate have a better understanding of themselves. Five presentations, and table discussions/sharing

Saturday - To help each candidate understand the current relationship they have with God. Five presentations, and table discussions/sharing

Sunday - To help each candidate learn what environments we belong to and how they can affect those environments. Four presentations, and table discussions/sharing, followed by Sunday night Closing.

#### During the Weekend:

Your role as a sponsor is to PRAY, and sacrificing is highly encouraged. Ensure that you provide transportation for your candidate, and provide any needed assistance with home, spouse, children, pets, etc. Be there at Closing.

#### After the Cursillo Weekend:

- Be willing to meet the new Cursillista in a one-on-one setting to answer any questions he may have.
- Group Reunion and Ultreya – Be sure the new Cursillista finds a Group Reunion, and take them to the Ultreya
- Ask about his environments, and help him develop a plan to change their environment. Give ideas about possible ways of evangelizing each of those shared environments.