

TWIN CITY CATHOLIC CURSILLO SPONSOR APPLICATION

SPONSOR GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(THIS FORM IS NOT INTENDED TO BE READ BY OR GIVEN TO THE CANDIDATE)

PURPOSE OF CURSILLO-

Cursillo is dedicated to spreading the Word of God and helping people form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Cursillo employs a method that emphasizes the importance of a balanced life of piety, continued spiritual study, and apostolic action. The purpose of Cursillo is not only to give individuals the experience of participating in a Cursillo weekend, but it also enables members to:

- Expand prayer life.
- Spiritually grow through an ongoing study process that increases knowledge about God's word and the Catholic faith.
- Spread God's word in a natural way to the people we interact with in the very environments in which we live.

DUTIES OF THE SPONSOR

BE AN ACTIVE SPONSOR

The sponsor must commit to live the Cursillo Method by attending Group Reunion and Ultreya for a minimum of one year after sponsoring a candidate. If you know there will be responsibilities or support you cannot fulfill for your candidate, select a co-sponsor.

CO-SPONSOR

Co-sponsors are recommended when the sponsor needs help completing their full responsibilities such as transporting the candidate to and from the weekend; attending the closing with the candidate; participating in the sponsor activities after the weekend; or any other Cursillo activities.

A co-sponsor is required if the sponsor has been in Cursillo less than one year; is presently inactive in the movement; or is located a distance away and unable to get the candidate to Group Reunion or Ultreya. It is a commitment that should not be taken lightly.

SELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE

Cursillo seeks candidates who have strength of character; are spiritually, emotionally, and mentally mature; are socially aware; and who show leadership qualities. The Cursillo Method is not appropriate for all persons. Care should be exercised when choosing to sponsor someone. These guidelines have been developed over years of experience and should be considered before sponsoring:

1. A person who is not receiving the sacraments should not make a Cursillo at this time.
2. The closeness of the community and deep personal level of sharing requires that a person who has difficulty in emotional or stressful situations, or has difficulty relating to other people, should NOT be considered as a candidate.
3. The weekend is very Catholic in its teachings, sacraments, and liturgies.
4. Because of the weekend's impact on a person's life and faith, it is recommended for married couples, that both spouses be Catholic and attend the same set of weekends. Any deviation from this must be reviewed and approved by the Lay Directors and/or TC Cursillo Spiritual Advisor.

ADEQUATELY PREPARE THE CANDIDATE

1. Explain the weekend, making sure he/she knows what to expect (talks, table discussions Sacraments, chapel visits, daily mass, sleeping arrangements, and the fact that it is not a quiet retreat.) Share with them what the weekend meant to you. Remember that many times events on the weekend are better experienced than explained. A candidate, who comes with expectations that will not be met, may have a bad experience.
2. Explain Group Reunion & Ultreya. These are the essentials of the Cursillo Movement, and your candidate must understand that he/she will be asked to make a commitment for the future.
3. Explain that each candidate will be asked to make a free-will offering at the end of the weekend to help defray the cost of the weekend.
4. The sponsor provides transportation for the candidate to and from the weekend.

SPONSOR ACTIVITIES ON THE WEEKEND

1. Accompany the candidate into the place of the weekend, help them become comfortable, and stay with them during hospitality time.
2. Support them through fasting, prayers, etc.). No gifts (including flowers) are to be brought to the weekend.
3. Attend the closing and take the candidate home.
4. Be available to the candidate's family during the three days (help with kids, shovel snow, find childcare so the husband can attend Palanca chapel and the closing during his wife's weekend).
5. Remind the husband to do Pray and fast for his spouse and the other ladies on their weekend.
6. Encourage the husband to attend his wife's closing.

SPONSOR ACTIVITIES AFTER THE WEEKEND

1. Assist the new Cursillista in finding a small group either in your group, in another established group, or by starting an additional one.
2. Support the new Cursillista for one year to become an integral part of the broader Cursillo Community by introducing them to Ultreya and encouraging their participation in the many Twin City Cursillo activities.
3. Encourage the new Cursillistas to attend the Fourth Day Workshop by attending with them and/or helping with arrangements so a husband and wife can attend together.
4. Maintain contact and continue to pray for your candidate for one year.

CANDIDATE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Obtain Candidate Information and Application Form and the Sponsor Guidelines and Responsibilities/ Sponsor Sheet at your Ultreya.
2. After preparation by the sponsor, the candidate must complete the application and return it to the sponsor, along with the non-refundable processing fee. The sponsor completes the Sponsor Sheet attached to this form. Print legibly to assure correct spelling of names on the candidate list and nametags and to avoid incorrect mailing addresses for both the candidate and sponsor.
3. Candidate Application and Sponsor Sheet are **returned to your Ultreya Representative** along with the processing fee. Try to have applications to your Ultreya Rep. three weeks prior to the start of the men's weekend. Detach and send only the Candidate Application and Sponsor Sheet from the information sheets. Do not send any forms to Pre-Cursillo.
4. The Ultreya rep. must sign each Candidate Application and Sponsor Sheet to confirm that the sponsor or co-sponsor is an active member of the Fourth Day and the candidate meets the guidelines established by the Twin Cities Cursillo Secretariat. The forms are then sent to Pre-Cursillo. Applications will not be processed if signatures are missing.
5. In order to have sufficient time for Pre-Cursillo to process candidate applications; for coordinators and their team to plan the weekend; and for Palanca, signed applications for both weekends must be received by Pre-Cursillo not later than the Saturday preceding the men's weekend. If candidate applications are received after that date, the sponsor will be contacted to discuss future weekends for their candidate. Incomplete forms will be returned! Telephone requests cannot be honored.
6. After the application has been processed, the sponsor will receive a confirmation letter and further written instructions concerning the candidate's upcoming Cursillo weekend. Sponsors must not bring their candidate to a weekend before receiving confirmation from Pre-Cursillo.
7. DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO PRE-CURSILLO.

Detach and keep this sheet as a quick reference.

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SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor _____ Phone () _____ cell () _____
Parish _____ Parish city _____
Sponsor Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
e-mail address _____
Date, Number and Place of sponsor's weekend _____

Are you currently attending weekly Group Reunion? Yes No Are you currently attending Ultreya? Yes No
Are you committed to attending Group Reunion & Ultreya for a minimum of one year to support your candidate? Yes No
Do you use the Cursillo Method of Piety, Study, and Action in your Group Reunion? Yes No
The members of my Group Reunion are: _____

My Ultreya is _____

Co-Sponsor _____ Phone () _____ Cell () _____
Parish _____ Parish city _____
Sponsor Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
e-mail address _____
Date, Number and Place of sponsor's weekend _____

SPONSOR COMMITMENT

I/We understand what the responsibilities are of sponsoring and I am/we are committed to fulfilling those responsibilities.
I am/We are prepared, if necessary, to group with my candidate after the weekend or until my candidate is established in a
group with others.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE

CO-SPONSOR SIGNATURE

*** RETURN THIS SPONSOR SHEET ALONG WITH THE CANDIDATE
APPLICATION TO YOUR ULTREYA REPRESENTATIVE ***

ULTREYA REPRESENTATIVE

Comments by Ultreya Rep: _____

I have reviewed this information. The sponsor and/or co-sponsor is an active member of the Fourth Day and the candidate
meets the guidelines established by the Twin City Cursillo Secretariat.

ULTREYA REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

ULTREYA

DATE

PHONE