



# ENGLISH CURSILLO OF THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN, NJ

"Cursillo – A Short Course in Christianity"



## SPONSOR APPLICATION

SPONSOR: please remember Sponsorship is a serious commitment. Please read Sponsor's Responsibilities.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ When did you make your weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Add e-mail address to be added to list for on-line information \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

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How many candidates have you sponsored in the past 2 years? \_\_\_\_\_

When does your group reunion meet? \_\_\_\_\_

Where does your group reunion meet? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Ultreya? Yes  No  How often and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive Cursillo info via e-mail? Yes  No

Does Candidate have an understanding of Group Reunion and Ultreya ? Yes  No

Where will Candidate attend Group Reunion and Ultreya? \_\_\_\_\_

Give a brief explanation of your relationship with Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you recommend this person for Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_

As your witness to Jesus, do you promise to: (a) bring your Candidate to the Ultreyas; (b) get your Candidate into a Group Reunion; and (c) walk with your Candidate in their Fourth Day for at least one year? Yes  No

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You need a co-sponsor IF:

1. You attended Cursillo less than 6 months ago, or
2. You are not attending Group Reunion or Ultreya

## SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The sponsor's responsibilities are listed below to help you be aware of the importance of sending someone on a weekend. These guidelines were made for good reasons and should be followed for the sake of the **Candidate**. The three day weekend experience of which we hear so much is only an introduction to a growing, supporting, persevering community of friends in Christ who are trying to structure their lives in such a way as to be more effective in Christianizing their environment. In order to accomplish this large task, the movement furnishes people in it with a method which will enable their living out what is fundamental to being a Christian. The weekend offers a method and gives people a tool to help them live a more Christian life. After the weekend, it is our responsibility to contact and be sensitive to the needs of the new Cursillistas by following up with Post-Cursillo (group) for ongoing Christian growth.

A. Before approaching the Candidate (Pre-Cursillo)

- Pray about your decision to approach a friend (Make a Friend)
- Know the person well enough that you are willing to give as much support as necessary on the Fourth Day (Be a Friend)
- You must be in group in order to sponsor
- You should introduce the potential Candidate to the method by bringing him/her to your group before the weekend so Post-Cursillo will be a natural and easy experience. Bring potential candidate to Ultreya for same reason

B. In approaching the Candidate

- Make it clear that going on the weekend is merely the beginning of a continuous spritual growth
- Approach both husband and wife at the same time to insure that both are willing to make a weekend. Remember that Cursillo is not to be a divisive factor in a marriage, it should build, not destroy relationships
- Individuals experiencing stress situations or emotional problems may find the emotional charge of the weekend too strenuous and it is wise to assess this beforehand
- Tell the candidate the movement is part of the Church, which tries to revitalize itself from within

C. In filling out the application:

- The Sponsor is to fill out the back part of the application (Bring a friend to Christ)
- All questions on the application must be completely filled out to insure that utmost consideration is given to each Candidate. Be sure to explain any diet, physical, medical, medicines or emotional problems and/or needs of the Candidate. Hiding problems is an injustice to the Candidate, Team and other Candidates. The Rector/Rectora will be discreet about any problems. Please note that the Marianist Retreat House is not handicap accessible
- Please submit application with a deposit – the cost of the weekend is \$150.00 – to Val and Tom Vassallo at 1817 Forest Grove Rd., Vineland NJ 08360. If you have any questions, call Val or Tom at 856-697-1064
- Please make checks payable to Diocese of Camden English Cursillo

D. During the Weekend (Cursillo)

- Bring your Candidate to the Cursillo Weekend on Thursday (or arrange transportation)
- Do Palanca for your Candidate
- Attend closing on Sunday, if at all possible. Make sure your Candidate has a ride home.

E. After the Weekend (Post-Cursillo)

- Sponsor should follow up with the new Cursillista at least 3 months after a weekend and be sure to introduce and remind the Candidate of any activity or ongoing functions:
- Example: Grouping – Cursillo Mass – Ultreyas – Workshops - Leaders School