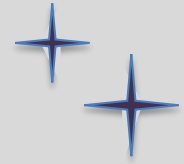


SPONSOR PACKET



Cursillos in the U.P. of Michigan

MAKE A FRIEND • BE A FRIEND • BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST

Dear Sponsor,

If you've talked to God about your friend and you've talked to your friend about God, AND if God is nudging you to invite your friend to make a Cursillo weekend – then now is the time to prayerfully consider what is required of you as a candidate's sponsor.

Before you commit:

Schedule of Cursillos 2020	
July 9-12	Men's Non-Roman & Roman
July 23-26	Women's Non-Roman & Roman

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THROUGH THIS WHOLE SPONSOR'S PACKET!

It will help you understand the full scope of your responsibilities as a Cursillo candidate's sponsor.

God is calling you to a holy endeavor requiring your commitment, time and love. As a Cursillo Sponsor, you will be responsible for seeing your candidate through the whole application process and walking with him/her for a full year after the Cursillo. If sponsorship sounds like a demanding job, that is because it is! If the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to bring the world to Christ, then sponsorship leads us to realize this goal. For those who take it seriously it is also one of the most rewarding experiences of the 4th Day journey! God Bless you as you begin the journey of Cursillo Sponsorship!

THIS SPONSOR PACKET CONTAINS:

- **Sponsor Duties and Responsibilities Sheet (2 pages)** – To help you discern your readiness to be a sponsor and to help you and your candidate discern your candidate's readiness for a Cursillo weekend
- **Cursillo Information Sheet (2 pages)** – To help you and your candidate prepare for the weekend and 4th Day-life after the weekend.
- **Candidate Application Form**
 - Part 1 Candidate Information Form - Work through this with your candidate.
 - Part 2 Sponsor Information Form - You complete this section.
 - Part 3 Pastor Information Form – Drop off and pick up completed form from the candidate's pastor.

WHEN YOU AND YOUR CANDIDATE HAVE WORKED THROUGH THE COMPLETE APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please **return all 3 parts of the Application Form and your \$10 SPONSOR FEE to the local Ultreya Contact Person listed below.**

Please do not delay submitting your candidate's application.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2020.

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SPONSOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Before You Invite Your Friend to Cursillo –

1. **Live Your 4th Day.** Sponsors should be living their 4th Day, grouping regularly, and actively involved in their church and Ultreya communities. If you have not been active, now is the time to become active. Your witness is a powerful example for your candidate.
2. **Pray about your decision to invite your friend to Cursillo.**

When discerning whether or not to invite your friend to make a Cursillo weekend, remember that Cursillo is **most appropriate** for mature adults who:

- exhibit leadership qualities and are capable of and wanting to live a holy and apostolic life.
- have strength of character and self-control.
- can make their own decisions.
- have the physical and emotional ability to participate fully and willingly in a weekend designed for listening, learning, discussing, and sharing time in community with others.

Please keep in mind what Cursillo is not:

- It is NOT just a weekend experience - a Cursillo weekend is only 3 days - the Cursillo method and movement is the rest of our lives, our 4th Day journey of bringing Christ into the world.
- It is not therapy for people who are suffering emotional problems or recent life traumas - to be fair to friends and loved ones who are deeply suffering, they should be referred to people with proper training or to programs appropriate to their needs.

If Cursillo is not appropriate for your friend at this time, consider recommending alternative retreats or programs that contribute to spiritual growth, and continue your own love and support in friendship.

3. **Read the “Cursillo Information Sheet” contained in this packet.**

Before you meet with your candidate be sure your own understanding is up to date about the Cursillo Movement, the Cursillo weekend, and what is expected of a candidate during and after the weekend. This document will help you do that. If you have questions or need help, contact a Servant/Leader group representative.

THE ROLE OF SPONSOR – INVITING YOUR FRIEND TO MAKE A CURSILLO

Preparing Your Candidate for a Cursillo Weekend

Preparation is ESSENTIAL. We cannot emphasize this enough. Inadequate preparation is unfair to the candidate.

When you take time to explain the weekend and the movement, answer all your friend’s questions and when you share openly and honestly about your life in the Cursillo movement, then your friend can be at ease with the decision to attend a Cursillo and s(he) will know what to expect.

Following the steps below will help you prepare the Candidate for the weekend.

1. **Explain the Weekend.**

Go through the “**Cursillo Information Sheet**” with your friend. Explain the format: talks/rollos given by clergy and lay people, chapel visits, prayer, fellowship, discussion, spiritual direction, and the opportunity for commitment. If your candidate is married explain that the ideal is that both spouses make a Cursillo weekend. If that is not possible be certain that the spouse is included in the discussion as much as possible.

Answer all Questions. Ease any fears/anxieties that might arise prior to the weekend. Answer every last detail about the weekend. You cannot tell too much.

2. **Explain Life after the Weekend – Your Friend’s 4th Day.**

Explain how the whole Movement relates to one’s relationship to Christ, the Church, and Christian community.

3. **Explain Accommodations, Attire, and the Cost.**

The weekend begins Thursday night, ends Sunday night and costs \$150 per person. Explain the housing, the food, how to pack for a weekend. People wear casual/comfortable clothing throughout most of the weekend but also pack something a bit dressier to wear on Sunday. Tell them that if the weekend is fully booked they may also have a roommate(s).

4. **Take Responsibility for the Whole Application Process.**

When all forms are complete turn them in to the local Ultreya Servant/Leader Group along with your **\$10 Sponsor Fee.**

5. **Before the Weekend: Keep in Close Contact with your Candidate.**

Pray with and for your Candidate as you prepare together for the Cursillo weekend and the days and weeks after.

6. **Arrange Transportation.**

Make arrangements for your Candidate’s ride to and from Marquette. Discuss these arrangements well before the weekend. Transportation is provided as an act of hospitality and fellowship (not to prevent people from leaving). Advise the candidate and spouse that the candidate will not return home until later Sunday evening.

Sponsor Duties DURING the Cursillo Weekend

1. **Pray and Pray and Pray.**

Offer palanca for your candidate. Attend the Serenade if you are able but please remember, spouses of candidates can NOT attend the SERENADE as this is too emotional for many people.

2. **Attend the Cursillo Closing.**

Arrive in time to attend the Sponsors’ Meeting on the Sunday of the Cursillo weekend. The Sponsors’ meeting begins at 4:30 PM (EASTERN).

Sponsor Duties AFTER the Cursillo Weekend – Supporting your Friend’s 4th Day

1. **Welcome your Friend into the Ultreya Community.**

Accompany the new Cursillista to your Ultreya’s Welcoming program.

2. **Permanent Group Reunion.**

Help him/her find a Group or form a permanent group reunion with him/her.

3. **Ultreya.**

Continue to encourage and invite regular attendance at Ultreyas.

4. **Invite your Friend to Participate in Cursillo Events.**

Invite him/her to serenades, break-ins, and U. P. wide Ultreyas (held 1-2 times a year in the U. P.)





CURSILLO INFORMATION SHEET



Sponsors and Candidates review this together.

The purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to make Christian community possible in family, social and work situations and in other natural human environments. The Cursillo hopes to make a natural Christian life possible for anyone.

To fulfill its purpose, the Cursillo seeks to introduce Christ's love into every human environment through the actions of Christian leaders who know Christ's love and the joy of Christian community. These Christian leaders are guided by the wisdom, conviction, and love of Christ's teachings in fulfilling their responsibilities to family, job and friends.

The Cursillo method takes a Christian beyond a passive belief in God to a daily interaction with God and his people. It helps one become more committed to Christ. A Cursillo participant is provided with a simple means to persevere and grow in holiness while building God's kingdom on earth. It gives us a simple means of living in friendship with oneself, with God, and with others.

THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

The spirit of the living Christ is renewed, examined and enjoyed in the Cursillo. During the Cursillo weekend basic Christian beliefs and truths are reviewed. The weekend is the first introduction for many people to the power and joy of genuine Christian community. The weekend is a welcome respite from a society that has largely forgotten the Lord's simple request to "love one another as I have loved you."

The weekend begins on a Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday night. During these three days participants live, work and pray together. The activities for the weekend revolve around a series of short talks that are given by lay and clergy members of the Cursillo team. The talks are entitled: Ideals, Grace, the

Layperson as the Church, Faith, Piety, Study, Sacraments, Action, Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Reunion and Ultreya. Each talk is followed by a discussion period during which participants may share their thoughts and questions on the topic of the talk.

The Cursillo team is made up of lay people and clergy. Months of prayer and preparation go into each weekend.

NOT A RETREAT

A Cursillo weekend can be made only once and therefore is not a substitute for a retreat. The basic atmosphere of a Cursillo weekend is unlike the individual solitude of a retreat. During the weekend the teachings of Christ are discussed in a climate of joy and community. Actually, the Cursillo weekend makes succeeding retreats more profitable and participants are encouraged to make regular retreats.

AFTER THE WEEKEND

The Cursillo weekend is merely the beginning of a person's growth as a Christian. A voluntary follow-up program helps sustain a person in his or her desire to live more fully as a Christian. The life-long work of every Cursillo participant is to bring Christ's love and spirit to each of his or her environments through one's special talents. A participant's "4th Day" is an aspiration to live and act at all times as Christ would. The Cursillo Movement believes that actions speak louder than words.

Cursillo participants persevere in their 4th Day by meeting on a weekly basis in small groups to share their walk with Christ and support one another in their endeavor to be Christ's light in all aspects of their lives. All Cursillo participants in an area - the Ultreya Community - gather regularly to share the spirit of Christ.

ORGANIZATION

The Cursillo Movement is not an organization per se. While some structure is necessary to assure continuation of the movement a Christian's commitment is not to the Cursillo but to Christ and to bringing the good news of Christ's light and love into all environments a Cursillista (one who has made a Cursillo) finds him/herself.

CURSILLO CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Cursillo weekend must have a desire for a deeper life in Christ and in service to others. They must desire to grow as persons and as Christians. A Cursillo weekend is about life, about one's relationship with self, with Christ and with others, about the Church and about the experience of living in Christian community. The weekend is not a theology course and no extensive knowledge of Scripture is expected.

While there are no specific criteria for Cursillo candidates - Cursillo weekends are for people of all social classes and income levels - the purpose of the Cursillo will best be met by persons who:

- Have strength of character and self-control
- Can make their own decisions
- Are mature and responsible
- Are concerned about the social conditions of our times
- Have the ability and desire to live in and for the community

The weekend will have the most impact if the Candidate has the physical and emotional ability to participate fully and willingly in a weekend designed for listening, learning, discussing, and sharing time in friendship with others.

A Candidate needs a Sponsor. One may attend a weekend only when sponsored by someone who has attended the Cursillo weekend and is living out his or her "Fourth Day." A sponsor is a friend who agrees to be responsible for preparing a Cursillo candidate for the weekend

and for supporting the candidate for a minimum of one year after the weekend. Accordingly, the relationship between a sponsor and a candidate must be one of openness, honesty and sincerity.

The Importance of Prayer. Selection of candidates to make a Cursillo weekend is based on a great deal of prayer. Sponsors are encouraged to "speak to God about their friend before speaking to their friend about God." In addition, sponsors and other Christian leaders ask God's guidance to reveal environments which need Christ's influence.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Discernment First. The decision to become a Cursillo candidate can be made only after the candidate and sponsor have sincerely discussed the expectations, questions and concerns of the candidate. If a candidate is married, his or her spouse must be included in such discussions and be fully informed of all aspects of the Cursillo. Both spouses are encouraged to attend a Cursillo weekend. A potential candidate is also encouraged to discuss the Cursillo with his or her pastor. Other Cursillo participants in the community may also be able to assist in answering a candidate's questions.

3-Part Application Form.

The **Cursillo Candidate Information Sheet** is completed with the help of the sponsor. The sponsor completes the **Sponsor Information Sheet** and delivers the **Pastor's Information Sheet** to the candidate's pastor. When all forms are complete, the Sponsor collects and submits them to the local Cursillo Servant/Leader contact person.

A Cursillo candidate, when accepted, will be informed by letter with further instructions about what to bring for the weekend. Once a candidate has been accepted, prayer by the candidate and the sponsor is most important. The sponsor will also arrange for the candidate's transportation to and from Marquette for the Cursillo weekend.

Roman Catholic

Non-Roman Cursillo

Candidate Name _____

Men's _____

Men's _____

Local Ultreya _____

Women's _____

Women's _____

Sponsor _____ Year _____

CANDIDATE

CURSILLO CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET FORM 1 OF 3

Sponsors please help your Candidate complete this form. Be sure to review the **Cursillo Information** sheet together.

Candidate Name _____ Nickname/Preferred Name _____

Candidate Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Candidate Phone _____ Email _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Level of Education _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Parish/Church _____ Denomination _____ Pastor _____

In the space below, please list your work, religious, civic and social environments:

Has your sponsor or another Cursillo participant answered all your questions about the Cursillo weekend and what comes after? YES NO

If applicable, have you openly discussed the Cursillo with your spouse? YES NO

SPECIAL DIETARY & MEDICAL NEEDS

So that you may be as comfortable as possible during the Cursillo weekend, please list any and all special medical or dietary arrangements you may need:

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE _____ DATE _____

THIS PART TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL ULTREYA SERVANT/LEADER GROUP

Complete application received (all 3 parts + SPONSOR FEE) DATE _____

Original + SPONSOR FEE sent to: DATE _____

LISA NELSON, Cursillo Applications Manager, 852 East G Street, Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801

SIGNATURE OF SERVANT/LEADER REPRESENTATIVE

Roman Catholic

Non-Roman Cursillo

Candidate Name _____

Men's _____

Men's _____

Local Ultreya _____

Women's _____

Women's _____

Sponsor _____ Year _____

SPONSOR

SPONSOR INFORMATION SHEET FORM 2 OF 3

THE SPONSOR FEE: \$10 TO BE SUBMITTED WITH COMPLETED APPLICATION

Sponsor Name _____

Sponsor Address _____

Sponsor Phone _____ email _____

Date and Location of your Cursillo Weekend _____

What environments are you presently influencing for Christ?

Have you previously sponsored someone for a Cursillo?

YES NO

If yes, please give the most recent date: _____

Do you understand the full scope of Cursillo Sponsorship as outlined in the **SPONSOR DUTIES AND REPONSIBILITIES** document included in this packet?

YES NO

If no, a servant/leader representative will call to help answer any questions you may have.

Will you prepare this candidate for the Cursillo Weekend and support him/her into the 4th Day journey for at least one year?

YES NO

Will you accept responsibility for placing this candidate in a Group and encouraging attendance at Ultreya?

YES NO

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR _____ DATE _____

RECOMMENDATIONS - TABLE LEADER AND SECRETARY

Would you recommend this candidate for either of the following positions?

TABLE LEADER YES NO

Why or why not? _____

SECRETARY YES NO

Why or why not? _____

OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT THIS CANDIDATE? (PLEASE USE BACK IF NEEDED)

Roman Catholic

Non-Roman Cursillo

Candidate Name _____

Men's _____

Men's _____

Local Ultreya _____

Women's _____

Women's _____

Sponsor _____ Year _____

PASTOR

PASTOR'S INFORMATION SHEET FORM 3 OF 3

Dear Pastor,

The Cursillo is a course in Christian living designed to help those attending this three-day program to realize that living a natural Christian life is possible in all the environments in which they live, in their families and their church community, as well as their social and work environments. The primary purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to develop in adult Christians a sense of their power and mission to become leaders working for Christian renewal within these various environments and to support them in this effort. Persons contemplating attending a Cursillo should be emotionally healthy individuals who seek to deepen their lives in Christ and in service to others. The Cursillo weekend is not designed to be a cure-all for those experiencing personal problems.

Thank you for taking time to complete this form. When complete please notify/return to the candidate's sponsor listed below.

God Bless,

Cursillos in the U.P. of Michigan Team

Candidate Name _____

Candidate's Spouse (If applicable) _____

Sponsor Name _____

Sponsor Phone _____ email _____

Candidate's Parish/Church _____ Pastor's Name _____

Church Address _____

As Pastor do you recommend the above-named candidate as a participant in the Cursillo weekend?

YES

NO

As Pastor do you recommend the above-named candidate's spouse as a participant in the Cursillo weekend?

YES

NO

Additional comments (if any) _____

SIGNATURE OF PASTOR _____ DATE _____