

# **SPONSOR GUIDELINES - REVISED 2/2016**

## ***CURSILLO MOVEMENT - DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT***

Cursillo is a Christ-centered spiritual movement within the Catholic Church whose mission is to help other Catholics grow in their love of the Lord and their brothers and sisters-in-Christ...and then bring the joy of His love to the world.

### **AS A SPONSOR MY RESPONSIBILITIES ARE:**

- TO MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING MY FRIEND TO CHRIST, AND THEN PRAY TO DISCERN WHETHER CHRIST WANTS ME TO BRING MY FRIEND TO CURSILLO.
- TO EDUCATE MY CANDIDATE AS TO HIS/HER 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY INVOLVEMENT OF GROUP REUNION AND ULTREYA.
- TO HAVE A CHRIST-CENTERED, LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH MY CANDIDATE AND PLAN TO SUSTAIN THAT RELATIONSHIP WELL BEYOND THE WEEKEND.
- TO DISCERN WHETHER MY FRIEND MIGHT NEED SOME SPIRITUAL COUNSELING, RECONCILING WITH THE CHURCH, A DIFFERENT TYPE OF RETREAT WEEKEND, BEFORE BRING THEM TO CURSILLO. IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONTACT US.
- TO LIVE OUT MY 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY BY BEING IN A GROUP REUNION AND ATTENDING ULTREYA. IF YOU NEED HELP FINDING A GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT ANNE MARIE ROMANO AT [amromano@att.net](mailto:amromano@att.net) . IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING ULTREYA REGULARLY, YOU MUST HAVE A CO-SPONSOR WHO IS.
- TO BE A CURSILLISTA FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR BEFORE SPONSORING SOMEONE. (IF YOU WISH TO SPONSOR SOMEONE SOONER, PLEASE ASK AN EXPERIENCED CURSILLISTA TO CO-SPONSOR YOUR CANDIDATE TO ASSIST YOU IN DEVELOPING A CARING, NURTURING RELATIONSHIP BEFORE, DURING AND ESPECIALLY AFTER THE WEEKEND AS THEY ENTER THEIR FOURTH DAY).
- TO SPONSOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE ON A WEEKEND. (A CO-SPONSOR IS REQUIRED FOR TWO CANDIDATES). THIS IS TO ENSURE YOU GIVE YOUR CANDIDATE THE PROPER ATTENTION.
- TO FIND OR PROVIDE A GROUP REUNION FOR MY CANDIDATE AND BRING HIM/HER TO ULTREYA.

### **A CANDIDATE:**

- IS A PRACTICING CATHOLIC AND ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH.
- IS AT LEAST 23 YEARS OLD (SUGGESTED AGE) AND IS SPIRITUALLY MATURE.
- SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE PINK BOOKLET, "CURSILLO – WHAT IS IT?". THIS BOOKLET DOES A GOOD JOB EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT.
- IS FREE OF SEVERE EMOTIONAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL OR PHYSICAL PROBLEMS. (WE ALL CARRY BURDENS FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT IF THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS, THE INTENSE EXPERIENCE OF THE WEEKEND COULD BE OVERWHELMING FOR YOUR CANDIDATE AT THIS TIME. A LATER WEEKEND MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE).
- IF MARRIED, HIS/HER SPOUSE IS SUPPORTIVE OF CANDIDATE MAKING A CURSILLO AND IN HIS/HER 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY INVOLVEMENT.

### **CLOSING THOUGHTS:**

- PLEASE DO NOT PROMISE A SPOT ON THE WEEKEND UNTIL IT IS CONFIRMED BY PRE-CURSILLO.
- NO PURPOSE IS SERVED IN KEEPING ALL THE DETAILS OF THE WEEKEND A SECRET. IT IS YOUR JOB TO PREPARE YOUR CANDIDATE. BOOKLETS FOR SPONSORS AND CANDIDATES ARE AVAILABLE AT EVERY ULTREYA.

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