

The ursillo Movement

Diocese of Palm Beach

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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420

Cursillo Sponsor Form

Sponsorship of a candidate is one of the many important contributions a Cursillista can make to the movement. It is an action that should be entered into only after a thorough consideration of all the factors involved. The final decision should be made only after prayer and God's guidance has been sought.

Please fill out this application as completely as you can and return it to the Pre-Cursillo committee at the above address. Applications should be submitted as soon as they are completed. When we have a sufficient number of candidates, weekends will be scheduled.

It has been demonstrated that the most successful sponsorships have come as a result of group reunion and Ultreya participation. Share your thoughts concerning each prospective candidate with your group and members of your Ultreya community; request their opinions and their prayers and then make your final decision. One of the factors considered by the Pre-Cursillo committee is whether the sponsor is an active member of a group reunion. Since the sponsor declares a commitment to guide the new Cursillista into his or her fourth day following the weekend, the support of an active group reunion is important. The sponsor should be prepared to maintain guidance for a period of time; one year is suggested.

****PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY****

Are you active in a group reunion? Yes____ No____

Does your candidate understand that he/she is being invited to be supported by a community which is centered in Jesus Christ? Yes____ No____

Sponsor's Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
& Street City Zip

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

E-mail _____ Parish Name _____

Sponsor's Cursillo: When? _____ Where? _____ Cursillo # _____

Candidate's name: _____

Experience has shown that most successful sponsorships are the result of a relatively intimate knowledge of the candidate; his/her family environment and personality traits. It is suggested that the sponsor should have known the candidate for a period of at least one year.

How long have you known your candidate?

What is your relationship with your candidate?

Since the weekend is active, intense and physically demanding, the sponsor must know if the candidate would have difficulty maintaining the pace. Health impairment details must be included in the application.

Does the candidate have, or has he/she had emotional, marital/relationship, physical or alcoholic/drug problems? If so, explain fully.

If the potential candidate is widowed, separated or divorced, it is important for you to know how well they have adjusted to their circumstances before you suggest a Cursillo to them. Waiting a year following the loss of their spouse is recommended.

Since the Eucharist is so central to the essence of the weekend, only those Catholics who are eligible to receive Holy Communion should attend.

Do you understand that Catholics married outside the church, without the blessing of the Catholic Church cannot attend the weekend? Yes _____ No _____

Questions pertaining to the spiritual nature of the weekend should be directed to the spiritual advisor of our movement.

Why, in your opinion, should this candidate make a Cursillo?

Your candidate may be on the verge of committing his/her life to Christ. As a sponsor, are you willing to make a commitment to the following responsibilities? Please indicate.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Provide transportation to the send-off and be available to assist his/her family, should an emergency arise?	_____	_____
2. Write a personal palanca letter for him/her (describing your palanca...prayer and self-sacrifice), for the candidates in general, and secure one or more letters from the candidate's family, spouse and close friends?	_____	_____
3. Attend the closing and provide transportation to bring your candidate home?	_____	_____
4. Get your candidate into a group reunion immediately?	_____	_____
5. Take your candidate to Ultreya immediately after the weekend?	_____	_____
6. Take your candidate to the Post-Cursillo meeting?	_____	_____
7. Offer daily palanca for your candidate?	_____	_____

It is highly desirable that applications for the Cursillo be submitted for both the husband and wife at the same time. Assure that the applicant forms (a separate one for each candidate) are complete and that all necessary signatures have been entered. The sponsor is responsible for mailing the applications to the Pre-Cursillo committee (address on the front side) as soon as they are completed, so that the next weekends can be scheduled.

To avoid disappointment, do not make a commitment to the candidate for any specific weekend.

Sponsors and candidates will be notified by mail of their acceptance. Upon receipt of notification, sponsors will contact their candidates and confirm their intentions to attend. Sponsors will then advise the Pre-Cursillo committee as soon as possible so that openings, created by candidates who are unable to attend, can be filled by other candidates from the waiting list. During the weekend, the sponsor should offer palanca for the spiritual growth of the candidates and the success of the weekend.

Sponsor's signature _____



Candidate's pastor

Are you aware of any reason why this candidate should not make a Cursillo? Please comment:

Signature of candidate's pastor _____