



DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

This form is computer fillable, or please print in a clear and easy-to-read manner.

SPONSOR APPLICATION					
Name:				Date:	
Address:				City:	
State:		Zip Code:		Phone (Preferred):	
Email address (PLEASE PRINT):					
Parish:				Parish Location:	
CANDIDATE INFORMATION					
Name of Candidate you are sponsoring:					
Candidate's Gender:	F	M	Candidate's Parish:		
Is your candidate able to receive the sacraments?			YES	NO	
CURSILLO INFORMATION					
When/Where did you live your Cursillo?				Team #:	
Date:			Diocese:		
YES	NO				
		I have read and agree with the, SPONSOR'S BOOKLET and/or PAGE 2 of this application, and the answers provided by my candidate concerning the explanation of the Cursillo Movement, and follow-up commitments.			
		I am in Group Reunion.	Where:		
		I regularly attend Ultreya.	Where:		
NOTE: If you have answered "no" to any of the above, you will need a co-sponsor with this application.					
SPONSOR OBLIGATIONS					
As a Sponsor, you are making the following commitments:					
Pre-Cursillo	Keep in close contact with candidate prior to the weekend. Perhaps begin grouping with them. Encourage and help them prepare. Answer any questions they may have honestly.				
Cursillo Weekend	Arrange transportation to and from the weekend, and assist the candidates family while candidate is away if needed.				
Post-Cursillo	Follow through with your candidate for one year after the weekend. Help your candidate find a group reunion and persevere in the Cursillo method. Take your candidate to Ultreya and introduce them to School of Leaders.				
SIGNATURES					
I understand the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to strengthen Christianity and enlighten our environments with the Gospel. Further, I agree with and understand these commitments I am making to my candidate and the Cursillo Movement.					
Signature of Sponsor:				Date:	
Signature of Ultreya Leader:				Date:	
Which Ultreya:					
Sponsor: Submit Candidate and Sponsor application to Ultreya Leader		Ultreya Leader: Please submit Candidate and Sponsor applications to Pre-Cursillo Chair and retain a copy for your files.		Submit applications to: SCCursilloapplications@gmail.com	
Comments:					

CURSILLO SPONSORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND CANDIDATE SELECTION

SPONSOR: _____

CANDIDATE: _____

Sponsorship is a vital service offered to candidates, ensuring they have a meaningful experience as they journey in faith from Pre Cursillo to Post Cursillo. As a sponsor, it is your responsibility to make sure that your candidate **fully** understands what the weekend entails, and even more importantly, to make sure that they understand the 4th day. Please explain the importance of Group Reunion, Ultreya, and School of Leaders before they decide to attend the weekend.

The Cursillo Group Reunion is not optional for sponsors. If you are not in a weekly Cursillo Group Reunion, you cannot and should not sponsor alone, since group reunion and Ultreya are such key components to the “ongoing program and sharing of mutual support” and the preliminary goal of the 3-day weekend. You may, however, Co-sponsor with a Cursillista who is participating in a Group Reunion.

In short, to sponsor a candidate is a significant commitment of energy and attention. Please do not take this responsibility lightly. As a sponsor you assume responsibilities, and you may be contacted to confirm that you understand them, and that you are prepared to fulfill them.

Candidate Selection: **

In prayer, ask God to assist you in your choice of candidate.

Have you spoken to God about your candidate before speaking to your candidate about Cursillo?

- The candidate must be baptized and Catholic.
- Because Cursillo is centered in the Eucharist, where one experiences the life of Grace, the candidate should be able to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
- Each candidate must complete the Cursillo candidate application.

Things for a Sponsor to consider before inviting the candidate to Cursillo:

- Does your candidate have the ability and desire to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
- Is he/she interested in examining what it means to be a Catholic in today's world?
- Does he/she show potential for taking an active role in the Church and sharing their faith with others?
- Does the candidate have the ability to become a leader and change his/her environment to Christ?
- Is he/she a mature person? Is your candidate healthy, both physically and emotionally?
- Is he/she able to live the Fourth Day (Ultreya, School of Leaders, Group Reunion)?

Lastly, Invite them to Cursillo.

When inviting someone to Cursillo, remember: **Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring Your Friend to Christ** — before, during, and after the Cursillo weekend. Spend time with your candidate and explain the Cursillo Movement's purpose and the structure of the weekend. Clarify that it is not a retreat and that Cursillo expects a recommitment to Catholic life. While certain surprises enhance the weekend, secrecy has no place in Cursillo.

Sponsors should practice Palanca before and during the Cursillo, pray for guidance, understand Cursillo's goals and methods, and live out the message of the weekend.

***If there are any questions about candidate selection, please discuss with the Pre-Cursillo Chair and/or your Ultreya Leader.*

CURSILLO SPONSORSHIP CHECKLIST

SPONSOR: _____

CANDIDATE: _____

Final Checklist:

- ☐ **I have described the weekend to my candidate.**
3 days, 15 talks by Lay and Religious, talks followed by discussion, mass every day, meals provided.
- ☐ **I have explained 4th-Day to my candidate.**
Group Reunion, Ultreya, School of Leaders.
- ☐ **I have a Group Reunion waiting for him/her.**
The new Cursillista joins your Group Reunion, or you arrange for another suitable Group Reunion.
- ☐ **If I need help in placing the Candidate in Group Reunion, have I begun seeking one?**
Have I checked on options within the parish for Group Reunions, or considered starting a new one?
- ☐ **Arrange transportation to and from the Cursillo Weekend meeting place.**
Your Candidate should NOT drive their own car. You are responsible for their transportation on Thursday. Candidate arrival time at the weekend site is 6:45pm. Be sure your candidate has eaten dinner prior to checking in at the Cursillo weekend site. You are responsible for the candidate's return travel home on Sunday. Plan to attend the closing Sunday at 4pm. Arrive by 3:30pm.
- ☐ **Make sure their family has your phone number...and the emergency number for the Weekend**
Offer to help the candidate with any family or home needs during their weekend.
- ☐ **Deliver all Palanca letters for your candidate.**
All Palanca letters are to be given to a team member or delivered to the site of the Cursillo weekend when you drop your candidate off on Thursday.
- ☐ **I have explained the donation to be collected at the end of the weekend.**
Please let your candidate know that the cost of his or her weekend has been paid (approximately \$150 per person). He or she will be given an opportunity to "pay it forward" by contributing to help defray the cost of future weekends. Checks and cash contributions are collected at the end of the weekend. Cost should not be a deterrent to anyone wishing to attend Cursillo.