

## **Sponsor's Responsibilities:**

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Sponsors must be aware of the seriousness of this endeavor. It is recommended that a sponsor be active in the movement for at least one year prior to sponsoring a candidate. All sponsors should be living their Fourth Day by grouping, being active in their Ultreya community and attending/being active in their church.

Any sponsor MUST prepare the candidate for the Cursillo weekend and for a meaningful life in the Movement. Inadequate preparation is a real disservice to the candidate. The sponsor should explain the format of the weekend—talks/rollos, chapel visits, fellowship, discussion, spiritual direction, and the opportunity for commitment—so that a candidate knows what to expect. A sponsor should also explain about the life in Cursillo after the weekend—how the whole Movement relates to the Church, Christian community, and their relation with Christ.

**PREPARATION IS VERY IMPORTANT.** Answer all of the candidate's questions.

### **A sponsor should:**

- Pray for the candidate prior to asking them to make the weekend, and continue to pray for them;
- Help the candidate fill out the necessary application/paperwork, submit the paperwork and pay a \$10 sponsor's fee;
- Ease any fears/anxieties that might arise prior to the weekend, such as, what is the facility at Marygrove like, clothing worn is casual/comfortable but somewhat dressier for Sunday, the cost of the weekend, and meals and bedding are provided;
- Advise candidate and spouse that the candidate will not return home until later Sunday evening;
- Either drive their candidate to Marygrove, or makes sure they have a ride;
- Attend the Sponsor's Meeting at Marygrove on the Sunday of the Cursillo weekend, prior to the Break-In; participates in the Break-In, and later, drives their candidate home;
- Pray for and support your candidate for the next year and be there for them incase any difficulties arise;
- Be willing to help place the candidate in a permanent group reunion
- Bring their candidate to their FIRST local Ultreya gathering after the candidate makes their Cursillo weekend, and continue to encourage their candidate to attend monthly Ultreyas, even picking them up and bringing them if necessary;
- Help and encourage their candidate live their Fourth Day for at least the first year.

Reminders: Once your candidate makes their weekend they can return to Marygrove and support future candidates by attending Serenades and Break-Ins.

They themselves can be re-energized by attending 4th Day Overnight Retreats (held twice a year at Marygrove), U. P. wide Ultreyas (held 1-2 times a year in the U. P.)

They can attend other types of Retreats at Marygrove.

**Sponsors, remember.....your job is an important one and very rewarding,** as you help your candidate grow in their relationship with Christ, which in turn will affect their environments.

“You are the salt of the earth.” – Matthew 5:13

Side note – Sponsors please remember, husbands and wives can NOT attend the SERENADE of their spouse.