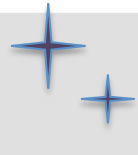


CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY

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



Dear Cursillista,

You've talked to God about your friend – You've talked to your friend about God. Now God is nudging you to sponsor your friend for a Cursillo weekend.

So what do you do next?

Schedule of Cursillos 2019	
Feb 21-24	Men's Non-Roman
Feb 28-Mar 3	Men's Roman
Mar 14-17	Women's Non-Roman
Mar 21-24	Women's Roman

First, please take the time to read through this whole packet to best understand your responsibilities as a Cursillo candidate's sponsor. Know that God is calling you to a holy endeavor requiring your commitment, time and love.

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! What follows is the complete application packet and instructions.

God Bless you as you begin the journey of Cursillo Sponsorship!

Candidate Application Packet:

- Sponsor Duties and Responsibilities Sheet (2 pages)
- Cursillos in Christianity Information Sheet (2 pages)
- Candidate Application Form
 - Part 1-Candidate Information Form
 - Part 2-Sponsor Information Form
 - Part 3-Pastor Information Form

Sponsor, you are responsible for seeing your candidate through the entire application process. When complete, 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. Marygrove will send candidate confirmation letters to candidates after the January 2019 team meeting.

Application Deadline: December 31, 2018.

Anyone wishing to attend a Cursillo weekend must have a Sponsor. If you would like more information about Cursillos in Christianity in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, please call Marygrove Retreat Center 906-644-2771

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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 “Cursillos in Christianity Information Sheet.”** 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

1. **Explain the Weekend.** Go through the “Cursillos in Christianity 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.** Explain how the whole Movement relates to their relationship to Christ, the Church, and Christian community.
3. **Tell them about the Weekend at Marygrove and the Cost.** The weekend begins Thursday night, ends Sunday night and costs \$150 per person. Explain the grounds, 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 full they may also have a roommate(s).

4. **Before the Weekend: Keep in Close Contact with your Candidate - Pray with and for your Candidate.**
5. **Arrange Transportation to Marygrove.** Make arrangements for your Candidate's ride to and from Marygrove. Discuss these arrangements well before the weekend. Transportation is provided as an act of hospitality and accompaniment (not to prevent people from leaving). Advise the candidate and spouse that the candidate will not return home until later Sunday evening.

PREPARATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. Inadequate preparation is a real disservice to the candidate. If you have taken time to explain the weekend and the movement and answered all their questions they should be completely at ease with their decision to attend a Cursillo because you have been completely open and honest with them and they know what to expect. Following the steps above will help you prepare the Candidate for the weekend.

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 this is too emotional for many people.
2. **Attend the Cursillo Closing.** Arrive in time to attend the Sponsor's Meeting at Marygrove on the Sunday of the Cursillo weekend. The Sponsor's meeting usually begins at 4:30 PM (EASTERN).

Sponsor Duties AFTER the Cursillo Weekend

1. **Welcome the New Cursillista 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 them to Marygrove** to participate in Cursillo serenades, break-ins and U. P. wide Ultreyas (held 1-2 times a year in the U. P.) as well as other types of retreats at Marygrove.
5. **Pray and Pray and Pray.** For the next year, continue to pray with and for your candidate as you accompany him/her into the 4th Day journey.

*If the purpose of the
Cursillo Movement is indeed to bring the world
to Christ,
then Sponsorship leads us to realize this goal.*

*Christ
is
Counting on
You!*



Cursillos in Christianity Information Sheet



SPONSORS PLEASE REVIEW THIS WITH YOUR CANDIDATE

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.

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 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 Cursillo team members. The talks are entitled: Ideal, 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. A great deal 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 "Fourth Day" is living and acting at all times as Christ would. The Cursillo Movement believes that actions speak louder than words.

Cursillo participants persevere in their Fourth Day by meeting on a weekly basis in small groups to share their accomplishments and failures and to support each other's Christian work. All Cursillo participants in an area gather monthly 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, what structure does exist concentrates on scheduling Cursillo weekends, preparation of Cursillo teams, prayer and supporting Christian leaders. While interaction with other Cursillo participants is encouraging and desirable to many, a Christian's commitment is not to the Cursillo but to Christ and the Christianization of environments.

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. Candidates need to understand clearly that the 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. Candidates should understand that they are not going to attend a theology course and that no extensive knowledge of scripture is expected.

While there are no specific criteria for Cursillo candidates, 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.

Persons 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 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.

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 consider the environments which need Christ's influence. Cursillo weekends are for people of all social classes and income levels.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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 candidate is also encouraged to discuss the Cursillo with his or her pastor. In addition, other cursillo participants in the community may be able to assist in answering a candidate's questions.

A candidate applies to make a Cursillo weekend by completing the Cursillo Candidate information sheet with the help of the sponsor. The sponsor and candidate's pastor complete their parts of the application and the sponsor submits the completed application to the appropriate Cursillo contact person. In addition to all of the foregoing considerations, availability of space at Marygrove may require applicants to be placed on a wait list.

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 Marygrove for the Cursillo weekend.

Roman Catholic _____ Non-Roman Cursillo _____ Candidate Name _____
 Men's _____ Men's _____ Local Ultreya _____
 Women's _____ Women's _____ Sponsor _____ Year _____

CURSILLO CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

This is part 1 of 3 of the Cursillo Candidate Application Form.

Sponsors please help your Candidate complete this form. Be sure to review the *Cursillos in Christianity* 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

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE _____ DATE _____

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:

This part to be completed by local Ultreya Servant/Leader group

Date complete application received (all 3 parts + sponsor fee) _____ Original to Rector Date _____

Copy +Sponsor Fee to Marygrove Date _____

Servant/Leader Representative _____

Roman Catholic
Men's _____
Women's _____

Non-Roman Cursillo
Men's _____
Women's _____

Candidate Name _____
Local Ultreya _____
Sponsor _____ Year _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

CURSILLO SPONSOR INFORMATION SHEET

This is part 2 of 3 of the Cursillo Candidate Application Form.

When all 3 parts of the form are complete please return along with your \$10 Sponsor fee to your local Ultreya Servant/Leader Group.

Sponsor Name _____

Sponsor Address _____

City

State

Zip

Sponsor Phone _____ Email _____

Date and Location of Your Cursillo _____

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 fully understand the scope of your responsibility as outlined in "How to be a Responsible Sponsor"? YES NO

Will you prepare this candidate for Cursillo and support him/her on the 4th Day journey for at least a year? YES NO

Will you accept the responsibility of placing this candidate in a group and encourage attendance at Ultreya? YES NO

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR _____ DATE _____

Candidate Table Leader & Secretary Recommendation

Do you recommend this Candidate for **TABLE LEADER**? YES NO

Why or why not? _____

Do you recommend this Candidate for **SECRETARY**? YES NO

Why or why not? _____

Is there anything else you would like to share about this candidate? Please use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

Roman Catholic _____ Non-Roman Cursillo _____ Candidate Name _____
 Men's _____ Men's _____ Local Ultreya _____
 Women's _____ Women's _____ Sponsor _____ Year _____

CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY- PASTOR'S INFORMATION SHEET

This is part 3 of 3 of the Cursillo Candidate Application Form.

Dear Pastor,

The Cursillo is a short course in Christianity 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 return to the Candidate's Sponsor listed below.

God Bless,
 The Cursillos in Christianity in the UP Team

Candidate Name _____

Candidate's Spouse (if applicable) _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Phone _____ Sponsor's Email _____

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

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

As a Pastor, do you recommend the above-mentioned candidate as a participant in the Cursillo weekend? YES NO

As a Pastor, do you recommend the above-mentioned candidate's spouse as a participant in the Cursillo weekend? YES NO

Additional Comments (if any) _____

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____