



CURSILLO MOVEMENT DIOCESE OF HAMILTON SPONSOR GUIDELINES

“Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring your friend to Christ.”

For candidates to attend a Cursillo weekend, they **MUST** have a sponsor.

To be a sponsor is a privilege as well as a serious Christian responsibility.

Sponsoring someone for a Cursillo should not be taken lightly. You are introducing your friend to a new way of life and therefore, you must know your candidate very well.

Before sponsoring, consider the following....

How to be a “good sponsor”?

- A sponsor is a witness to his/her Life in Christ.
- You are actively living the Cursillo method by participating in Group Reunion and/or Ultreya
- You will offer Palanca (prayers and sacrifices) for your candidate before, during and after the weekend.
- You should invite your candidate to the Ultreya so you can introduce them to the Cursillo community
- Discuss the cost of the weekend. Assure your candidate, that if cost is a deterrent that no one is turned away because of lack of funds. If this is the case, you may wish to approach your Ultreya for some help with the funding.
- You are willing to walk with your candidate in the 4th day to help them be integrated into the Cursillo community through encouragement and prayerful support to help them persevere in their efforts to live as Christians in the best possible way
- Be prepared to attend the Clausura and to provide transportation home from the weekend.
- If you are able, you are invited to attend the Mananita.

What Cursillo is NOT:

- It is not just a weekend experience like a retreat but an introduction to a new way of life in Christ.
- It is not group therapy for emotional problems or cure-all for personal problems**

**Out of love and fairness to those having such problems, suggest referral to a professional to help them and perhaps attend the next Cursillo.

Prior to giving your candidate an application, explain the 3 day weekend protocol of talks and meditations being given by lay people and clergy, followed by discussions. There will be Daily Mass and opportunities for Spiritual Direction and Reconciliation. There is ample free time, and wonderful meals.

Important: Answer any questions that may come up with your candidate and explain that there is nothing secretive about Cursillo. Reassure your candidate that each individual experiences Cursillo differently, so just be open to the workings of the Holy Spirit.

Your candidate will be contacted with confirmation by email if an email address was provided: otherwise, it is sent via regular mail.

The email will provide a reminder of the dates and times and location of departure, what to pack, payment etc.

If you have a candidate but feel unable to be his/her sponsor, please contact Dan Brown who will work with you to find a sponsor.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding sponsorship, contact:

Dan Brown at: dmbrown269@gmail.com 519-570-4105



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As a sponsor you should belong to an active Group Reunion and Ultreya, be willing to remain actively involved with your candidate throughout the Pre-Cursillo and the Post-Cursillo stages, and if the candidate is married, try to sponsor the couple at the same time.

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

(Male ___) (Female ___) CURRENT PARISH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE: HOME _____ WORK or CELL _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

WHEN AND WHERE DID YOU MAKE YOUR CURSILLO? _____

WHAT ULTREYA ARE YOU A MEMBER OF? _____

ARE YOU GROUPING? _____ HOW OFTEN? _____

CANDIDATE'S NAME _____ DENOMINATION _____

In confidentiality, is there anything about your candidate's relationship with the church and with the receiving of the Sacraments that we should know? Is there any other information that the Rector (a) should know?

(If yes, please check ____). Give information on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application. To help Team place many types on the table please answer how you would rate your candidate's ability to communicate with others:

Talkative _____ Quiet _____ In-between _____

Sponsors please note: It is your obligation to fully prepare your candidate and to be aware of any problems that could hamper him/her from experiencing the weekend fully (e.g. recent bereavement, medical problems, both physical and mental, etc.) and to inform the weekend co-coordinator. [Dan Brown].

Please read carefully the SPONSOR GUIDELINES on this application.

Thank you for responding to Christ's call to reach out to those around you and to bring them to Him.

Completed forms should be returned to:

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