

YOUNGSTOWN CURSILLO SPONSOR GUIDELINES

The Cursillo is a particular method for living Christianity, sharing it and spreading it. This method has specific demands and requires certain conditions be met for its effectiveness. The first condition lies within the realm of candidate selection. It is a serious responsibility to sponsor someone to the Cursillo. The sponsor should ask these questions:

Is my candidate really likely to profit from the Cursillo and to be faithful to the Fourth Day?

Is this candidate likely to use the tools of: Group Reunion, Ultreyas, and Spiritual Direction to persevere after the Cursillo weekend? Sponsors are therefore encouraged to bring their candidates to Ultreya and to share Group Reunion *before* they experience the weekend.

BEFORE DISTRIBUTING AN APPLICATION

Speak to God about your friend before speaking to your friend about God. Know your responsibilities as a sponsor before, during, and after the Cursillo. Seek those persons that would exert a positive influence in their parish, community and work environments. The ideal candidate may express a deep desire and hunger for spiritual growth and contentment. It is suggested that you sponsor no more than one candidate for the same weekend. You are asked to be an active Cursillista for at least one year before sponsoring a candidate.

BEFORE CURSILLO

Explain the Cursillo as a short course in Christianity. Explain the *Fourth Day*. The current cost of Cursillo (\$75) should not be a deterrent; Sponsor may choose to pay part or all. Complete the application with your candidate including all information and required signatures. In the case of a married candidate complete husband and wife's application simultaneously. Provide transportation for candidate to and from Cursillo.

DURING CURSILLO

PRAY PRAY PRAY DO PALANCA ATTEND HOLY HOURS AND CLOSING

Avail yourself to candidate's family for church, shopping, meals, babysitting, and other personal needs. Remember your help is needed during the weekend.

AFTER CURSILLO

Keep in close contact after the weekend displaying the same interest and concerns as before the weekend. Accompany your candidate to post-Cursillo Seminar. Help candidate by sharing with Group Reunion and Ultreya. Be available to answer all questions regarding the Cursillo Movement candidate may have. A sponsor's personal contact is as important now as before the weekend. Encourage and help your candidate to use tools to persevere in his/her environment.

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