

Sponsor Guidelines



Speak to God about a person before speaking to a person about God



To be a Sponsor is a privilege, and as such, carries a serious Christian responsibility. Sponsoring a friend for the Cursillo is not a haphazard circumstance. It should be a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Therefore, you must know your candidate and consider the important items below.

GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATE SELECTION

- ✚ An adult Catholic (18+) who is able to receive the Sacraments and emotionally mature to understand the evangelical message and commit to it
- ✚ Able and willing to influence others in a Christian way
- ✚ Be free of unusual stress, e.g., recent loss of a loved one (out of respect for the candidate and in courtesy to other attendees)

CANDIDATE APPLICATION

- ✚ Do not be secretive. Answer honestly any questions the candidate has about the weekend or the movement (with the exception of palanca)
- ✚ Explain the Cursillo 4th Day (Group Reunion and Ultreya) to the candidate
- ✚ The cost of the weekend is approximately \$175. No one will be turned away because of finances. Inform the precursillo chairperson, in confidence, if your candidate is unable to pay for the weekend in full
- ✚ Complete the application with your candidate and mail this completed Sponsor Commitment, the Candidate Application, and a \$50 (non-refundable) deposit to the precursillo chairperson.
Note that Candidate Applications cannot be accepted without the submission of the Sponsor Commitment Form.
- ✚ Shortly after receipt of the application and Sponsor Commitment Form, the precursillo chairperson will **e-mail** the applicant a confirmation letter with further information about the weekend. You, as the sponsor will receive an e-mail as well. Check with your candidate that they received the e-mail and provide answers to any additional questions.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✚ Do palanca (pray and sacrifice) for your candidate
- ✚ Attend the Novena on Sundays from January 8 through March 5 at 1:00 PM, St. Joseph Freeburg
- ✚ Invite your candidate to attend a group reunion and Ultreya (prior to the weekend)

THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✚ Insure your candidate has transportation to the Ruma Center. Candidates should not drive to the Cursillo site.
- ✚ Continue doing palanca for your candidate and all others attending the weekend
- ✚ Write a palanca letter to your candidate (indicate "Sponsor Letter" on the outside of the envelope) and give it to one of the team members prior to the start of the weekend
- ✚ Attend the Sunday evening closing and dinner, arriving at Ruma by 4:00 PM. Take your candidate home.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✚ Keep in close contact with your candidate, continuing to show as much interest as you did prior to the Cursillo, and encouraging them to persevere in their 4th Day
- ✚ Help your candidate find a sharing group
- ✚ Attend the Cursillo Weekend Reunion with your candidate
- ✚ Accompany your candidate to Ultreya and School of Leaders

Sponsor Commitment Form

Complete the sponsor commitment form and mail with your candidate's completed application and \$50 deposit to: Laura Veach, 4 Zinnia Drive, Belleville, IL 62221.

Upon receipt, a letter will be sent to your candidate with information about the weekend. And you will receive a letter with a reminder about a Palanca letter for your candidate, their transportation to and from Ruma, and your support of your candidate beyond the 3-day weekend.

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Belleville Cursillo	2017 Weekend Date	Application Deadline
Women's Cursillo Weekend	March 9 - 12	February 24, 2017
Men's Cursillo Weekend	March 16 - 19	March 3, 2017

Candidate's name _____ How long have you know him/her? _____

Why do you feel this person is a good candidate? _____

Please complete the following information in regards to you, the sponsor.

Name _____

Address, City, State Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail _____ Parish _____

When and where did you start your Cursillo journey?

Are you presently a member of a friendship group? Yes No

Are you able to assist your candidate to become part of a friendship group? Yes No

Are you praying and sacrificing for your candidate? Yes No

Have you explained post Cursillo to your candidate? Yes No

Do you plan to attend the closing of the Cursillo weekend? Yes No

If the candidate is married, have you discussed Cursillo with his/her spouse? Yes No

Have you explained the \$50 deposit and total cost of the weekend? Yes No

(If your candidate cannot afford the weekend, please let us know so other resources may be sought to assist them.)

Belleville Cursillo website: www.bellevillecursillo.org

Questions? Contact Laura Veach, Pre-Cursillo Chairperson
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