

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
- ✝ Read the Cursillo Sponsor's Booklet and share the Cursillo Movement booklet with your candidate. Answer honestly any questions the candidate has about the weekend or the movement with the exception of palanca, fiesta and Mañanitas.
- ✝ Explain the Cursillo 4th Day (Group Reunion and Ultreya) to the candidate
- ✝ The cost of the weekend is \$400.00. 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. Candidate Applications cannot be accepted without the submission of the Sponsor Commitment Form.
- ✝ Upon approval of the Candidate Application and Sponsor Commitment Form, the Precursillo Chairperson will e-mail the applicant a confirmation letter with further information about the weekend. 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 and attend the Novena.
- ✝ Invite your candidate to attend a group reunion and Ultreya (prior to the weekend)

THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✝ Ensure your candidate has transportation to the designated location for Thursday's evening meal. Candidates should not drive to the Cursillo site. Participate in Thursday's sponsor activities.
- ✝ Continue doing palanca for your candidate and all others attending the weekend.
- ✝ You are encouraged to 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
- ✝ Participate in Sunday morning Mañanitas (serenading the new Cursillistas) at 7:30 a.m. at Kings House at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine and attend the Sunday evening closing and supper. Arrive at Kings House at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows before 4:45 p.m. Closing begins at 5:00 p.m. You will be escorted to the chapel out of the sight of the new Cursillistas.
- ✝ 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 made out to Cursillo in Christianity to: Debbie Blume, 137 Sir Lawrence Dr., Belleville, IL 62221.

Upon approval, 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 for the weekend, and your support of your candidate beyond the 3-day weekend.

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Belleville Diocesan Cursillo	2026 Weekend Date	Application Deadline
Women's Cursillo Weekend #47	August 6-9, 2026	July 23, 2026
Men's Cursillo Weekend #42	August 20-23, 2026	August 6, 2026

Candidate's name _____ How long have you known 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 Mañanitas Sunday morning? ☐ 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 Diocesan Cursillo website: www.bellevillecursillo.org
Questions? Contact Debbie Blume, Precursillo Chairperson,
precursillo@bellevillecursillo.org 618.806.6951

Cursillo in Christianity Candidate Information



The start of your journey to grow in piety, study and action



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Name _____

Preferred name for your name tag _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Type of Employment _____

E-mail _____ Sponsor _____

Parish _____ Pastor _____

Age: _____ Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

Are you a Catholic, eligible to receive the Sacraments?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the Cursillo Movement been explained to you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the follow-up program of friendship grouping and Ultreya been explained to you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Marital status:

☐ Single ☐ Separated/divorced
☐ Married ☐ Widowed

If married, is your spouse Catholic?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ na

Has/will your spouse made a Cursillo?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ na

Why do you want to make a Cursillo?

Please explain any condition that would require special attention such as diet, medication, or physical handicap.

Signed _____ Date _____

Return your completed application with a \$50 deposit (non-refundable) to your sponsor.

Checks are payable to "Cursillo in Christianity"

The total cost of the weekend is \$400.00 (the balance can be paid on the weekend).

Please do not let the cost of the weekend prevent you from attending. Talk to your sponsor about a scholarship.

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