

Sponsoring a Candidate

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ

Sponsoring a Candidate to Cursillo is a serious responsibility. It is not a haphazard circumstance; rather it should be a deliberate act to help bring Jesus Christ into the world.

First - a Sponsor should understand the purpose of the Cursillo Movement. It is a Lay Movement (not an organization) of any Christian Church, to serve in the apostolate, and its mission is exactly the same as the Church's - Evangelization. *To help Christianize the world.*

Second - a Sponsor should have an understanding of the purpose of the Cursillo Weekend. It is not just for a "feel good" weekend. It is not a retreat; it is a threefold Encounter with God - ourselves, Christ, and others. It is not a cure-all for personal problems; there are other programs for dealing with these issues. It is the first step in learning how to joyfully live out what is fundamental for being a Christian for the rest of one's life.

Third - get to know you're Candidate, their life, and their family well; using the Cursillo method of make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ. Remember to speak to God about the person before speaking to the person about God. Don't just tell them, but show them by the way you live your own life how to be a Christian.

Fourth - ensure your Candidate:

- is a Christian
- can make rational decisions on their own, and
- free from obstacles that would hinder their participating in the weekend and future Cursillo activities.

Fifth - share with them the purpose of Cursillo and basic details of the Weekend. Remember that they will have their own encounter experience and it will not be exactly like yours. If the Candidate is married, also share information with their spouse. Cursillo is not meant to be a decisive factor in a marriage; rather it should be held in the highest regard.

Sixth - help the Candidate complete their Candidate's Application form, complete your portion as Sponsor and submit the application per instructions on the form, or ONLINE on our website: www.marincursillo.com. Candidate Applications are to be

submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the start of a Weekend, but sooner is better for planning purposes. Applications are accepted in the order received.

Seventh - during the weekend:

- provide transportation for your Candidate to/from the Weekend,
- provide any needed assistance to their family during their absence,
- attend the Closing, and
- always offer Prayer and Sacrifice before, during, and after.

Eighth - following the weekend provide support by:

- staying in close, personal contact with the new Cursillista until they are stable on their own,
- work with Post Cursillo to ensure they get into a Group Reunion as soon as possible,

After reading the steps above on being a sponsor, please **send the completed application** to the address indicated on the back of the application.