

Cursillos in Christianity - Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

To Christianize our environment and develop lay leaders for the Episcopal Church
Coed Cursillo 142 April 19-22, 2018

Dear Sponsor,

Before giving your potential candidate an application or filling out this sponsor form, it is important that you discuss with the candidate's priest or pastor the potential candidate's suitability for attending Cursillo, particularly with reference to his or her spiritual commitment and emotional stability. Also, please inform the Cursillo parish representative that you are sponsoring this person.

We also ask you to remember that the "purpose of Cursillo is to find, mold, and link leaders who have the potential to change their environments for Christ."

Fill out this application COMPLETELY, with care and frankness. All information is strictly confidential and will be used only by the Pre-Cursillo committee, Rector, and the Spiritual Adviser of each weekend. Please submit these forms together with your candidate's application. It is IMPOSSIBLE to consider your candidate's application unless accompanied by this form. If this form or the candidate application is not filled out completely, it will be returned.

- Candidate's Application
- Sponsor's Information Pages (pages 3 and 4, **keep page 1 and 2**)
- Priest's Comments and Signatures Page (page 5)
- Sponsorship / Tuition Payment*

*Mail your sponsorship check of \$185.00 per candidate, payable to *Cursillos in Christianity*, to the address below at time of application, if possible. If not included with application, please indicate on the application how, when or from whom (if other than the sponsor) payment is being made, so we can accurately account for it.

Please mail or email the completed application to:

Susan Miller
Pre-Cursillo Committee
15815 Indian Valley Rd.
Jamul, CA 91935

miller.sv@sbcglobal.net
(619) 669-6560

Cut-off date for applications: Tuesday, March 19, 2017.

Important Note: Please inform the Pre-Cursillo Committee of any significant change in medical or life circumstances that you become aware of between now and the Weekend that could affect the suitability of your candidate for Cursillo. It is preferable to postpone his or her Cursillo Weekend even at the last moment because of illness or emotional distress, than to be distracted and/or a distraction to other candidates.

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CURSILLO SPONSORSHIP—THE MISSION

SPONSORSHIP

The heart and soul of the Cursillo Ministry is sponsorship. It is a great responsibility to be a sponsor and it is an honor to be asked to attend a Cursillo Weekend. Everyone who has attended a Cursillo Weekend has done so because someone thought enough of them as a Christian to invite them.

Sponsorship is the result of a Cursillista who, having studied an environment, has selected a person deemed to be a (potential) leader in that environment, for the purpose of making that environment more Christian. The goal of the Cursillo Ministry is to change environments for Christ, and candidates chosen for a Cursillo Weekend should be Christians who will be counted on to return to their environments for the purpose of witnessing to the power of the Holy Spirit in their own lives. The Cursillistas who are considering sponsorship should already be such witnesses themselves. For Cursillo to continue to be a force for positive change in the Church, sponsorship must be seen as the most crucial element in the development of new Christian (Cursillo) leaders.

A Sponsor's Prayer

Dearest Heavenly Father,

I thank you for choosing me to sponsor _____ for Weekend #142. I pray that you will guide me to be a mentor and friend for _____, to nurture the Cursillo seed that has been planted, and to provide the opportunities for the seed to bloom. Lord, guide me in fulfilling such joys as facilitating Grouping, being DODU/Ultreya partners, and encouraging _____ to be an inspiration to others to further their own walk with you. I pray this through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

AS A SPONSOR I WILL:

- Pray for my candidate before, during and after the Weekend.
- Do palanca for my candidate and write him/her a note telling of my prayer or sacrifice on his/her behalf.
- Help my candidate find a Group Reunion and invite him/her to Ultreyas. (Feel free to invite him/her before the Weekend, too.)
- Arrange for, or provide transportation and meals to and from Pine Valley Bible Conf. Ctr.
- Attend Clausura service on Sunday and take him/her to the Night of Deeper Understanding. (see SD Cursillo calendar)
- If my candidate is unable to attend, notify the registrar as soon as possible.
- Answer any and all questions my candidate may have prior to the weekend.

Signature _____
Date _____

TO OUR BELOVED CURSILLO SPONSOR

Please read this page in a comfortable environment without any time pressure. Please write in your candidate's name and say the Sponsor's prayer several times and absorb the message. As a reminder, please review the "I Will" list of responsibilities, sign and date the form. Lastly, please locate this page in a prominent spot where you live your life and pray each day for your candidate.

God bless you for being a Cursillo Sponsor.

-The San Diego Cursillo Secretariat

Applicant's Name: _____

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Date: ___/___/___

Candidate Name (print): _____
First Name Last Name

Church candidate attends: _____

Frequency of attending church: _____ I have known the candidate _____
years.

Why do you want this person to attend Cursillo? Describe how well you know him/her.

Describe how this person is a leader in the church:

Describe the candidate's environment (other activities or special interests) and his/her leadership in these areas:

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PLEASE CHECK, AND COMMENT ON ANY YES ANSWERS. Comment prayerfully on ANY problems the candidate may have which may be detrimental to receptiveness to the message and mechanisms of the weekend (moral, emotional, mental, drinking, narcotics, etc.) Also comment on the impact of any recent divorce, separation or other crisis.(see note on page 1). Provide additional comments to assist in meeting your candidate's needs, and to aid in table assignments (personality, etc.). *Please attach additional pages if you need extra space for comments.*

Yes No

[] [] DIVORCED? (If yes, how recently?)

[] [] SEPARATED? (If yes, how recently?)

[] [] BEREAVED OR OTHER RECENT CRISIS? (If yes, how recently?)_

[] [] MEDICAL OR DIETARY PROBLEMS?

[] [] IS A BOTTOM BUNK NECESSARY?

PLEASE ANSWER FULLY; COMMENT ON ANY NO ANSWERS.

Yes No

[] [] Have you explained the nature of the weekend and the "Night of Deeper Understanding"?

[] [] Does your candidate understand that he/she is considered a leader and that you perceive him/her as capable of changing his/her environment?

[] [] Are you committed to ensure that you and your candidate attend the "Day of Deeper Understanding" the 2nd Saturday after the weekend? (The fee for your candidate for this event is included in your sponsorship fee).

[] [] Has your candidate agreed to attend the Grand Ultreya following the weekend?

[] [] Are you presently in Group Reunion? If not, please explain.

[] [] Have you explained to your candidate about joining an ongoing group after the weekend?

[] [] Will you see to it that your candidate has the opportunity to share in a Group Reunion?

Is there anything else about this person we should know?

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Weekend Tuition \$185.00

Payable to "Cursillos in Christianity."

Included Mailed separately Coming from Other than Sponsor Given to: _____

I, _____ know the applicant personally, and believe him/her to be
Print Name of Sponsor an appropriate candidate for Cursillo.

Signature of Applicant's Sponsor

Sponsor Name(s) (print): _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone No: (____) _____ Best time to call: _____

E-Mail: _____

Best way to contact: Mail Phone Email Other

To be completed by Priest/Pastor:

Unless the following information is provided, the application will be rejected:

The Cursillo weekend can be powerful and evoke strong emotions. From the beginning, it has been recommended that both husband and wife make their Cursillo weekends at the same time so that they can share the experience and support each other as they grow and develop in their spiritual journeys. *If only one is sponsored, please provide reasons why this will not create a problem in their marriage.*

Are there any physical, psychological, emotional or spiritual problems of which the Pre-Cursillo committee needs to be aware? Please explain.

I, _____ know the applicant personally, and believe him/her
Print Name of Priest/Pastor to be an appropriate candidate for Cursillo.

Signature of Applicant's Priest/Pastor Priest/Pastor's Phone (____) _____