

Diocese of Harrisburg Cursillo® Movement

**CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION**

(Return completed form to your Sponsor)

*(Please print legibly. All fields are required.)*

**All Cursillo weekends begin on Thursday evening and end on Sunday Evening. You are expected to be present for the entire weekend. It is your sponsor's responsibility to bring you to and from your Cursillo Weekend.**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My Sponsor is: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed

If married, were you married in the Catholic Church?  Yes  No

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Is spouse Catholic?  Yes  No

If spouse made a Cursillo: Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

If not, has Cursillo and Post Cursillo been explained to your spouse?  Yes  No

Do you have any physical limitations which would require special attention or diet?  Yes  No

(Health, Diet, Disabilities, Allergies, Limited Mobility, Sleep Issues, etc.) Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a:  Lector  Extraordinary Minister  Cantor Do you play:  Guitar  Piano

List other activities and organizations you are currently involved in: (Church, Civic, Professional, Hobbies, etc.)

Has your sponsor explained the follow-up programs of Group Reunion, Ultreya and School of Leaders?  Yes  No

Emergency Contact Day/Night: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please turn over and complete Page 2)*

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Consent for Release of Personal Information: I  consent  do not consent to the release of the following specific personal and contact information to the Cursillo team and new Cursillistas attending the Three-Day Cursillo® weekend: Name, Address, Telephone Number, E-mail Address, Parish, and Image in the Group Photo. I understand that the Secretariat and Cursillo team will not sell or transfer this information to any third party for their marketing use. I further understand that I can make a request to no longer be contacted by either electronic mail or telephone by notifying the sender, and I agree to honor the wishes of other Cursillistas who want to stop receiving communications from me.

**NOTE: If the applicant fails to either “consent” or “not consent” to the release of information as set forth above, by default the applicant will be deemed to have explicitly consented to the release of the information specified.**

**The cost of the Cursillo Weekend varies according to 3-day Weekend site location. You will learn more about this cost on the 3-Day Weekend. DO NOT PAY NOW. Please plan to make your payment during the course of the Weekend.**

I understand that the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to promote the creation of core groups of Catholics who are committed to changing their environments with the message of the Gospel; that the Three-Day Weekend is a “short course” in Christianity, and that my commitment to Group Reunion and Ultreya can assist me in bringing Christ to the world in which I live, work and play. I have read the above statement, and have answered all questions honestly and completely. I have prayed about the Cursillo and my application, and I wish to attend.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor’s Signature** (preferred) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Donations: The Harrisburg Cursillo Movement depends on the generosity of donors to continue to operate. If you would like to make a charitable donation, you may do so by either: (1) paying a larger amount than the published cost of the weekend or by (2) making a PayPal or credit card payment at the Harrisburg Cursillo Movement Website [www.harrisburg-cursillo.org](http://www.harrisburg-cursillo.org). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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**SPONSOR'S APPLICATION**

*(Please print legibly. All fields are required.)*

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate sponsored by:  Individual  Couple  Group Reunion

Sponsor/ Group Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Cursillo: Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I am active in:  Group Reunion  Ultreya  School of Leaders

My Group Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

My Ultreya: \_\_\_\_\_ If Candidate is related, how? \_\_\_\_\_

Is Candidate free to receive the sacraments?  Yes  No I need help placing Candidate in a Group:  Yes  No

I have explained the Fourth Day to the Candidate:  Yes  No

I have explained the cost of the Weekend, and that payment will be collected on the Weekend  Yes  No

How long and how well have you known him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

Why, in your opinion, should this Candidate make a Cursillo and what environments would he/she impact? Please be as thorough as possible to aid the Rector(a) and team members on the 3-Day Weekend: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has the Candidate experienced any life altering events in the past 18 months? If so, please explain the circumstances, and why you feel they can fully participate in the Three-Day Weekend: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is there any reason this Candidate should not be table leader or secretary? If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Circle all the words that describe your candidate:

- |          |           |             |            |            |               |             |
|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Quiet    | Talkative | Friendly    | Reserved   | Optimistic | Particular    | Happy       |
| Flexible | Sharing   | Spontaneous | Thoughtful | Fun        | Fearful       | Sad         |
| Nervous  | Decisive  | Punctual    | Angry      | Shy        | Argumentative | Pessimistic |

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Christian Retreat Center:       \$260                      Mariawald Renewal Center:     \$240

As a Sponsor, I say yes to Christ to fulfill these responsibilities in such a way that His grace and love are revealed to this Candidate through my Christian action. I commit myself to serving as a companion, guide and witness to the Candidate before, during and after the Cursillo Three-Day Weekend. I pledge to support the Candidate by my ongoing example of living the Cursillo method through Group Reunion, Ultreya and School of Leaders. Further, if I am not active in the Cursillo method, I will be faithful to my friend by finding a co-sponsor. My signature on this application indicates my commitment to the high calling of servanthood.

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Applications to: PreCursillo Chair, Tina Stryker     johntinastryker@gmail.com**

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**SPONSOR'S CANDIDATE SELECTION REVIEW SHEET**

Sponsorship should be viewed as an important service provided for the Candidate, in order to ensure the best possible experience as the Candidate journeys, in faith, from the Pre Cursillo phase to the Post Cursillo phase. As a Sponsor, it is your responsibility to make sure that your Candidate FULLY understands what the weekend entails, and even more importantly, to make sure they understand the Fourth Day. Please explain the importance of Group Reunion, Ultreya and School of Leaders, BEFORE they decide to attend the weekend.

If you're not in a weekly Cursillo Group Reunion, you CANNOT, and should not sponsor alone, since Group Reunion and Ultreya are key components to the "ongoing program of sharing and mutual support" and the primary goal of the Three-Day Weekend. You may, however, co-sponsor with a Cursillista who is in a Group Reunion.

**In short, to sponsor a Candidate is a significant commitment of energy and attention. Please do not take your responsibilities lightly. You may be contacted to confirm that you understand them, and that you are prepared to fulfill them. Please review all areas below, then complete the Sponsor's Checklist on Page 2.**

**Candidate Selection:**

- **Have you spoken to God about your Candidate before speaking to your Candidate about Cursillo?**  
In prayer, ask God to assist you in your choice of Candidate.
- Is he/she 18 years or older, a baptized Catholic, able to receive the Sacraments? Does your Candidate have the desire to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
- Is your Candidate active in the parish or a leader in their own way? Does he/she have the ability to *become* a leader and change his/her environment for Christ? Does he/she show potential for taking an active role in the Church and sharing faith in Christ with others?
- Does he/she show strength of character and self-control? Does he/she have strong Christian values? Is he/she interested in examining what it means to be a Catholic in today's world?
- Is the Candidate a mature person? Is he/she healthy, both emotionally and physically?
- Is he/she capable of capturing the message of Cursillo?
- Does the Candidate have a family life and schedule that will allow them to commit to living the Fourth Day in Group Reunion, Ultreya, and School of Leaders?

**If you have reviewed the above and feel that your Candidate is ready, then invite them to a Cursillo Weekend.**

Remember the steps...Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ - before, during, and after the Cursillo.

- **Be a friend** -- Spend time with your Candidate and explain the whole purpose of the Cursillo Movement, as well as the format of the Weekend. Make sure they know it is not a retreat. Explain that Cursillo expects a Catholic recommitment. While we do not want to give away surprises that make the weekend more meaningful, secrecy has no place in Cursillo. Make sure the Candidate is going because he/she wants to, not as a favor to you.
- **Palanca** -- Sponsors should do Palanca before and during the Cursillo. Pray for guidance, know the purpose and method of Cursillo, and live the message of the Weekend.

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**SPONSOR'S CHECKLIST**  
(PreCursillo contact: Tina Stryker johntinastryker@gmail.com)

**Explain the Cursillo Weekend:**

- I have described the Weekend to my candidate, and answered ALL questions the Candidate might have.
  - 3 days, 15 talks by lay and religious, talks followed by discussions, mass every day, good meals!
  - No secrecy!! The booklet The Cursillo Movement: What is it? should be given.
- I have given the Candidate a general cost, and explained that payment will be collected on the Weekend.
- I have explained what the facility for the Weekend is like.
- I have explained that dress for the Weekend is casual, but people dress up more for mass on Sunday.

**Explain the Fourth Day:**

- I have explained Group Reunion, Ultreya and School of Leaders.

**Make sure the Candidate's Application is complete:**

- I have reviewed the application with the Candidate.
- I have encouraged the Candidate to explain Cursillo to his/her spouse.
- The signed and dated application has been returned to me.
- The Candidate's Pastor has signed the application. (Preferred)
  - If Pastor is not familiar with the Cursillo Movement, be prepared to explain it to him.

**Complete the Sponsor's Application:**

- Fill in all fields. If you are unsure about any answers, contact the Pre Cursillo chair to discuss.
- Sign, Date, and return along with completed Candidate's Application by Email to Pre Cursillo chair.

**Keep in close contact with the Candidate before the Weekend:**

- I have tried to ease any fears or anxiety the Candidate might have, especially the week before the Weekend.
- I have arranged transportation to and from the Cursillo Weekend. Your Candidate should not drive their own car. If you cannot personally drive them, pair him/her with another Sponsor and Candidate.
- I have provided my phone number, and the retreat center's phone number to Candidate's family in case of an emergency.

**Support the Candidate during the Weekend:**

- I have committed to do Palanca for the Candidate, before and during the Weekend.
- I have written a personal Palanca letter to the Candidate. (Letters from non-Cursillistas, including family, are not appropriate.)  I have asked other Cursillistas who know the Candidate to write a Palanca letter.
  - Give all Palanca letters to the Weekend Coordinator when you arrive at the retreat center.
- I plan to attend the Sunday Clausura.  I can't attend, will ask someone to support Candidate in my place.

**Help the new Cursillista become involved in Post Cursillo activities:**

- I will stay in contact with the new Cursillista for approximately one year after the Weekend.
- I will invite the new Cursillista to the next Ultreya in his/her area, and plan to attend with them.
- I have a Group Reunion awaiting him/her --  My Group  Another Group OR
  - I need help placing my Candidate in a Group Reunion --  Review Weekend table
    - Review listing of current Groups  Contact Post Cursillo Chair (or Parish Rep, if one exists)
- I will invite the new Cursillista to attend School of Leaders, and plan to attend with them.