



**Candidate Application**

Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Harrisburg

Weekend of \_\_\_\_\_ Men's \_\_\_\_\_ Women's

**Applicant Information (please print clearly):**

Name:	Preferred Name	Parish:	
Address:		Phone:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Birth date:
Email:		Occupation:	
Marital Status: ___Single ___Married ___Separated ___Divorced ___Widowed			
Spouse's Name:	Is spouse Catholic? Yes___ No___		
Are you free to receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church? Yes___ No___			
Why do you wish to make a Cursillo (please explain)?			
Are there any situations that would require special attention (Health, Diet, Disabilities, Allergies, problems with stairs, etc....)? ___No ___Yes/explain			
Emergency Contact: Name _____			
Phone: Home:_____ Work:_____ Cell:_____			
Do you have any questions your sponsor has been unable to answer?			
<b>I have read and understand everything contained in this application. I have provided all necessary information and answered all questions honestly and completely.</b>			
<b>Candidate's Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

**Sponsors must submit a completed sponsor form for each candidate.**

<b>Sponsor's Name:</b>	
Sponsor's Address:	
Sponsor's Phone:	Sponsor's Email
<b>Sponsor's Signature:</b>	

**Candidate's Pastor Approval (to be obtained by the candidate's sponsor)**

Pastor's Name:	Parish:
Phone	Email:
Is candidate free to receive the sacraments? Yes___ No___	Do you recommend candidate for Cursillo? Yes___ No___
<b>Pastor's Signature:</b>	Date:

**1. The Catholic Cursillo is open to baptized Catholics, 18 years of age or older.** If you wish to attend, apply  
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through someone who has already made a Cursillo. The person through whom you apply is your sponsor. She or he will be responsible to assist you with any questions and in completing and filing this application. They will also assist you before, during and after you make your Cursillo. After you complete the application, return it to your sponsor. They will sign it, obtain your pastor's approval and submit it.

**2. WHAT IS A CURSILLO? (pronounced Cur-SEE-yo)**

The full name is *Cursillo de Cristiandad* meaning *Short Course in Christianity*. The Cursillo movement started in Spain in 1949 under its founder, Bishop Juan Hervas. The *Cursillo* gives those who make it a stronger understanding of basic Christian truths and the desire to serve Jesus Christ and His Church. Spanish terms such as *Cursillo* and *Cursillista* are used as a matter of tradition, since the movement is of Spanish origin, but no clique language is intended or implied. A cursillista is a person who has made a Cursillo.

**3. IS IT A RETREAT?**

The retreat portion of the Cursillo lasts only from the opening night until after prayer the following morning. During this time, silence is maintained. Thereafter, the basic teachings of Christ are discussed in an atmosphere of joy, with singing, thinking, praying and laughing together, contributing to this atmosphere.

**4. HOW OFTEN DO YOU MAKE A CURSILLO?**

You make a Cursillo only once in your life, but you are expected to build upon it for the rest of your life. It is not a substitute for a retreat, but rather complements it. The Cursillo will make succeeding retreats more meaningful, and cursillistas are encouraged to make annual retreats in order to renew their Cursillo resolutions.

**5. WHAT IS ITS FORMAT?**

The Cursillo is a blend of seriousness and lightheartedness, of spiritual exercises and conferences. Spiritual exercises include daily Mass, individual and group prayer, visits to the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. There are meditations and conferences by priests and laypersons. During the conferences the cursillistas are urged to take notes. After each conference the cursillistas are divided in groups to discuss the talks and participate in a variety of activities.

**6. IS THERE A FEE?**

Costs for the weekend are about \$175.00 per person however there is no set fee for the Cursillo. The donation is up to the individual. A request for an anonymous donation to cover the cost of the weekend will be made during the Cursillo weekend. Each person is requested to contribute according to the generosity which his or her means permits. Checks can be made out to the Harrisburg Cursillo Movement.

**7. WHAT ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS?**

Cursillistas from all walks of life – professions, business, labor – grow closer together during the Cursillo. They pray, listen, discuss, sleep, eat, sing and relax in a jovial family atmosphere. Furnishings may not be exactly like those at home, but a spirit of fellowship makes them unimportant. There is plenty of good food. We attempt to accommodate physical disabilities. Please inform us of specific needs when applying.

**8. AFTER THE CURSILLO – THE FOURTH DAY**

Cursillo involves a formation of our Christian lives through an ongoing program of piety, study and action. The Cursillo neither pretends to, nor is able to give complete Christian formation in three days. The cursillistas do not return home as finished products. Therefore, a *Fourth Day* program is available to continue our formation and keep aflame our enthusiasm and our commitment. Cursillistas meet in small informal groups at a time and place convenient to them, to give one another spiritual support and apostolic encouragement. These programs are explained during the weekend.