



Sponsor Checklist

Harrisburg Diocese Cursillo Movement

Speak to God about man before speaking to man 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 into the world. Therefore, you must know the candidate well and consider the important items noted below. **Please assist the candidate complete their application and obtain the candidate's pastor's approval. Complete the sponsor section below, sign it and return the form, the candidate's application and the pastor's approval to the pre-Cursillo committee.** (See staff at www.harrisburg-cursillo.org for current pre-Cursillo contact.)

Candidate's Name:		
PLEASE COMPLETE SPONSOR INFORMATION BELOW		
Sponsor's Name:	Sponsor's Parish:	
Sponsor's Address:	Sponsor's Phones: (h)	
City:	(w)	(c)
State:	Zip:	Fax:
Sponsor's Email address:		
How are you living your Fourth Day? <input type="checkbox"/> Group Reunion <input type="checkbox"/> Ultreya <input type="checkbox"/> School of Leaders <input type="checkbox"/> Others (explain) _____		
What Fourth Day group meeting will you recommend to the candidate? Day, time and location:		
How long and how well do you know the candidate?		
Why do you recommend this candidate?		
In your own words please describe this candidate's personality/nature (i.e., follower, leader, quiet, argumentative, etc.).		
Has the candidate's spouse made the Cursillo? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, is he/she interested in the Cursillo?) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Has the candidate experienced a death of a loved one, trauma or severe crisis in the past year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain and contact your pre-Cursillo representative		
I have read and understand the information outlining the responsibilities of being a sponsor.		
Signature:		Date:

Sponsor Information

The only requirement of candidates is that they be practicing Roman Catholic, 18 years of age or older and are able to receive the sacraments of the Church. Sponsors should also consider candidates for strength of character, maturity, an open mind, an ability to listen, friendship and willingness to change. Candidates should be emotionally healthy and seeking a deeper spiritual life. The Cursillo is not designed to be a cure-all for those experiencing personal problems.

Prayer is an important part of sponsorship and sponsors should pray for candidates before, during and after the Cursillo weekend. Sponsors are expected to:

Explain the Cursillo weekend

- Answer ALL questions that the candidate might have. You cannot tell him/her too much.
- Explain what the facility for the weekend is like.
- Explain dress for the weekend is casual with most people dressing up more on Sunday

Make sure the weekend application is complete

- See our website at <http://www.harrisburg-cursillo.org/> for current mailing addresses and contacts.
- Go over the application with the candidate. Ask him/her to fill out the Candidate Application section, sign it and return it to you.
- Ask the candidate's pastor to sign the pastor section of the Candidate Application. Be prepared to explain the Cursillo Movement and the weekend to priests unfamiliar with the program.
- Complete the Sponsor Checklist form and the sponsor section of the Candidate Application, sign both and send them to the pre-Cursillo committee. (See staff at www.harrisburg-cursillo.org for current pre-Cursillo contact.) Provide a copy of the completed Candidate Application to the candidate.

Always keep in close contact with the candidate before the weekend

- Insure he/she has transportation to and from the weekend. If you cannot transport the candidate yourself, try and pair them with another candidate.
- Try to ease any fears or anxiety that the candidate might have before the weekend, especially the week immediately before the weekend.
- Insure the candidate you will be available to watch over any needs their family may have during their absence. You may want to contact the candidate's family during the weekend as well.

Support the candidate during the weekend

- Do palanca for the candidate and write a letter. Letters from non-Cursillistas (including family members) are not necessary or appropriate.
- Attend the Sunday closing. Remember that the candidate will be looking for you at the closing. If you cannot make the closing you might consider finding someone else to sponsor the candidate, or at least designate someone to support the candidate Sunday evening.

Help the candidate participate in follow-up Cursillo activities

- Bring the candidate to your next Ultreya
- Remind him/her to attend the next closing
- Assist and make sure he/she finds a group

Your commitment to the candidate does not end when he/she completes the application, or even after the Cursillo weekend. It is your responsibility to make sure the candidate feels welcomed at all Cursillo activities and is supported in their apostolic endeavors for at least a year.