

MIAMI CURSILLO SPONSOR FORM

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 activity. It should be a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Therefore, you must know your candidate very well and consider the important items below. Please carefully read and consider the "Sponsor's Responsibilities" section which follows this form.

PLEASE PRINT ALL ENTRIES

Candidate Name

_____ (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Will the Candidate be sponsored individually? _____ or by a Group? _____

If the Candidate is to be sponsored by a Group, please give the personal information for a specific contact person in the Group along with the Group information.

If Group Sponsorship, name of Group

Number of times Group meets each month _____ Average number of Group members _____

Sponsor or Contact

Name _____ (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Street Address

City _____ ZIP _____ E-MAIL _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile: _____ Business Phone _____

Parish _____ Date of Sponsor Cursillo _____

If the Candidate is married and the spouse has not made a Cursillo, have you made provisions for the spouse to attend a Cursillo (note, the Catholic Cursillo does not accept non-Catholic spouses)?

If the answer is "No", please explain

How long have you known your Candidate? _____

Are you active in a Group Reunion? _____ How often does Group meet? _____

Are you active in an Ultreya? _____ Which one? _____

Does the Candidate Group? _____ Attend Ultreya? _____

What arrangements have you made to provide Group Reunion and Ultreya for your Candidate following the weekend (be specific).

Is your candidate free to receive the Sacraments? Yes___ No___ If 'no,' he/she cannot attend. Is your candidate married outside the Church? Yes___ No___ If 'Yes,' he /she cannot attend.

Has your candidate experienced a death of a loved one, trauma, or severe crisis in the last year? Yes___ No___ If 'yes' please contact the Pre-Cursillo representative.

The weekend is long and may be difficult for an individual in a number of its aspects. Does your Candidate suffer from any physical, psychological, or emotional problems, or require any special attention or diet? Yes___ No ___ If "Yes," please contact the Pre-Cursillo representative.

Have you explained the financial obligation for the weekend to your Candidate? Yes ___ No ___

Will your Candidate be able to meet the financial obligation? Yes ___ No ___

Please give a brief statement as to why, in your opinion, the Candidate should make a Cursillo weekend:

During the weekend Closing you will be personally called on with your Candidate to make a commitment to support him or her in the Cursillo Movement for a period of one year. This support includes providing for the Group Reunion and Ultreya needs of your Candidate. But most importantly it is the development and growth of the Candidates' relationship with Jesus Christ as brother and the Cursillo Community as extended family.

Do you fully understand the responsibilities of a Sponsor-Candidate relationship during the first year following the Cursillo weekend? Yes ___ No ___

Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

Please take this application to the Candidate's Pastor or to a Priest or Deacon at the Candidate's parish for his review and signature below.

Signature of Candidate's Pastor, Priest or Deacon

_____ Date _____

Clergy Comments:

SPONSOR: IMPORTANT - Please make and keep a copy of this form and the Candidate Application before returning to the Secretariat or Pre-Cursillo Chairperson. It may be necessary to contact you to discuss the information. (August 2011)

Cursillo Sponsor Responsibilities

Prior to sponsoring a Candidate please consider the following:

The Candidate must be available for the entire Cursillo experience and cannot be excused to attend outside events, i.e., family functions, business meetings, etc.

The Cursillo is an experience which is centered on the Eucharist. You should **know** if the Candidate is able to receive the Eucharist. The sponsor should appropriately review the situation with our Spiritual Advisor prior to sponsoring the Candidate if any question arises

The Cursillo is a three-day experience with each day beginning at 7:00AM and ending no earlier than 10PM. Keep in mind that the schedule is physically challenging and the Candidate must be able to participate in the entire Weekend. You should inquire regarding a Candidate's physical health, dietary restrictions, medicinal requirements, emotional considerations and if the Candidate needs assistance with family during the Weekend (your group may be able to assist with family needs). Cursillo is not geared for serious counseling or for therapy. In the event a prospective Candidate has experienced a recent loss of a loved one, is newly involved in a recovery program, etc., the sponsor should appropriately review the situation with our Spiritual Advisor *prior to sponsoring an individual*.

Having decided to sponsor a Candidate:

You should know the Candidate well.

Encourage the candidate to attend Group Reunion and Ultreya with you prior to the Weekend.

It is suggested that you speak with the Pastor before extending an invitation to live a Weekend. He may know something that is not apparent to us.

The application form must be filled out **by the Candidate**. Complete the Sponsor form, with the Pastor's signature, and return both forms to the Pre-Cursillo Committee in a timely manner, no later than the Sunday before the Weekend. You and the Candidate will receive a Confirmation Letter from the Pre-Cursillo Committee following processing of the Candidate and Sponsor forms. You are responsible for assuring that the Candidate has received the letter.

Total cost of the weekend is \$175.00. The \$175.00 donation is used to defray the costs to the Movement for the Candidates that follow them. However, no one will be turned away because of finances. If a sponsor wants to assist the Candidate financially, that should be worked out with the Candidate and the Pre-Cursillo Committee prior to the weekend. Application and Sponsorship forms may be downloaded at www.cursillomiami.org. A \$25.00 advance deposit is requested from each candidate at the time of applying, however, so that the candidate makes a tangible commitment to attending beyond merely saying "yes" and a space can be reserved for him/her for the upcoming Weekend.

Explain the following points to your Candidate prior to the Cursillo Weekend:

Provide dates for upcoming Cursillo Weekends. Let the Candidate know that the Weekend begins at 7PM on Thursday, and concludes no earlier than 6:30PM on Sunday. Further inform the Candidate that the Cursillo is a physically challenging three- day experience. Each day begins at 7:00AM and ends no earlier than 10PM.

Cursillo is not a retreat, but an intense learning experience. The Weekend includes short presentations by clergy and laity on various aspects of Christian living. We suggest you refrain from sharing the experience of *Palanca*, *Chapel Visits* and *the Closing* as these are best experienced as a surprise. However, answer all questions truthfully. There are Cursillo brochures available to give to your Candidates.

Sponsors' Responsibilities During Cursillo:

You as sponsor are responsible for transporting the Candidate to and from Casa Emaus Cursillo Retreat House, as well as offering any assistance the Candidate may require. The Candidate's arrival on Thursday evening should be no earlier than 6:45PM and no later than 7PM.

In the event that some dire circumstance arises and the Candidate is unable to keep his or her commitment to the Weekend, it is YOUR responsibility to immediately notify the PreCursillo Committee Chairperson.

The Candidate's family will be provided with an Emergency phone number in the event a family or business emergency arises which requires his or her immediate attention. The Candidate should leave all electronic communication equipment at home.

Pray and sacrifice for your Candidates as well as the entire Cursillo before and during the weekend.

It is the sponsor's responsibility to provide letters and posters for the Candidate. All letters and posters should bear a notation of the Palanca (prayer and sacrifices) that will be offered for the Candidate, i.e., fasting, prayer, Rosary, Mass, service, etc.

Encourage members of your group and other Cursillistas to prepare Palanca letters with the offerings for the Candidate.

Please bring letters and posters from you, family and friends for the Candidate to Casa Emaus on Thursday when dropping off your Candidate or by 11:00AM Saturday.

Encourage the Candidate's family/significant other to attend the Closing and brief them on the format/process. Call to remind them and greet them at the Closing Arrive at the Casa Emaus on Sunday evening at 5:00PM to greet your Candidate at the Closing. Following the Closing there will be light refreshments. Please stay a few minutes with the new Cursillista and family.

Sponsors' Responsibilities Following Cursillo:

Keep in close contact with your Candidate following Cursillo. Continue to show as much interest as you did prior to Cursillo.

Encourage your Candidate to attend the three (3) Rodajes and join him or her at Casa Emaus.

Provide an opportunity for your Candidates to participate in a Group Reunion and Ultreya. There is a physical list of Group Reunions, which they should have received in their "packet". Do they still have it to find one that is closest and convenient for them? Remind them that more Group Reunion details are on the web page.

Remind your Candidate that there is an Ultreya at St. John Neumann the last Friday of every month in Room F at 7:00PM. BRING your Candidate to Group Reunion and offer to take him or her to Ultreya.

Encourage your Candidate to visit www.cursillomiami.org often.

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BE A FRIEND
BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST**