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SPONSOR'S APPLICATION

***PLEASE NOTE*** that Sponsorship of a Candidate is one of the most important contributions a Cursillista can make to the movement. It is something that should only be entered into after much prayerful consideration of all of the "love" that is involved. Including of course making a friend first and continuing to be this friend in grouping and in everyday life after the Cursillo weekend. Introducing a Candidate to Christ through the weekend is wonderful; ***BUT NOT GIVING THEM A MEANS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH JESUS AFTERWARDS*** is not good at all. Imagine how we would feel not to know how to reach him?!

We ask you to please fill out this form as completely as you can and return it to your area core representative, if you can, along with the Candidate Application. If you are not able to do this for some reason, make sure it is returned to the Diocesan Pre-Cursillo person and they will help you. Your thoughtful and most prayerful answers to this application will surely aid the Pre-Cursillo representative and the Rectors for the weekend in their ministries. Thank you always and in all ways!

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SPONSOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/ST./ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

When and Where did you make Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*It has been found over the years of the Movement, and through this time and experience, that knowing the candidate for at least a year gives one a more intimate knowledge of who he/she is and makes it easier in the ongoing relationship after the weekend. So the next questions are helpful for you and for us.*

How long have you known your candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your "relationship" with your candidate? \_\_\_\_\_



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*We are all aware of how active and intense the weekend is! We are very concerned about sharing and receiving the best of who and what we are in a healthy manner. That is the importance of the next question:*

**DOES THE CANDIDATE HAVE EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL OR ALCHOLIC/DRUG PROBLEMS THAT WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF? IF SO PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

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*One of the most important considerations in Candidate selection is whether or not the Candidate will be able to continue the Cursillo Method after the weekend. After all, our main priority **IS** our fourth day! Therefore we need to be sure that his/her sponsor will be able to establish them into a strong and helpful group reunion. It has been found, by many, that even allowing the candidate to "group" before the weekend is helpful to you and your candidate, if you and your group and candidate are all open to this. But regardless, after the weekend it is imperative that you as a sponsor enter into an active group reunion with your candidate for at least six months!*

**ARE YOU ACTIVE IN A GROUP REUNION?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**WHERE?** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOW OFTEN?** \_\_\_\_\_

What, if any, arrangements have you made to provide Group Reunion and Ultreya to your Candidate? Please be specific: \_\_\_\_\_

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Can we help you in any way in this area? \_\_\_\_\_

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*There are circumstances that always need to be considered before you ask someone to Cursillo. Life brings on many challenges that we need to deal with in our lives before we come to the Cursillo and gain the "tools" that enable us to live to our fullest in Christ's image and therefore in the method that the movement teaches. If a potential Candidate has been divorced, widowed, separated etc. in the last year it is very important for you as a sponsor to know how well they have adjusted to their circumstances. The weekend is not a "CURE" for life's problems! We must not use it for that.*

Does your candidate share any of these life challenges in the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

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A candidate should be at least 25 years of age, for what will come to be "fairly obvious" reasons to them later, but for what should be obvious to a sponsor already. Although there are surely some exceptions. If your candidate is under 25, please explain why you feel that her/his age will not be an "issue" to their attending the Cursillo weekend?

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*Christ in the Eucharist is central to the essence and strength of the weekend! Only those capable of receiving Holy Communion should attend. But we recognize that Non-Catholic spouses and friends may want to share in the "Cursillo Experience". Please let them know that there are other recommendations such as The Emmaus Walk and the Episcopal Cursillo Movement etc. or similar apostolic experiences available to them!*

Why, in your opinion, should this Candidate make a Cursillo weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate your Candidate's leadership ability or potential? \_\_\_\_\_

*It is by all of us working together for the betterment of the Cursillo Weekend, The Cursillo Movement itself and especially for the love of Christ that we make a more Christian world. It starts here by you, the sponsor, preparing your candidate, filling out all of the paperwork, mailing, e-mailing or delivering the applications to the pre-cursillo person. We all in the fourth day support one another in your endeavor to bring this person to the weekend. So let other Cursillistas know if you need help in any way or if you need questions answered!*

*PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE pay special attention to the continuation of your candidate into their 4<sup>th</sup> day. Their group reunion, their Ultreya experiences, your friendship and the friendship of the entire movement! Again, we support one another as one in Christ. We ask that you get your Sponsor and Candidate applications (COMPLETED!) into pre-cursillo at least a month before the weekend so that the candidate, yourself and the rectors and movement have plenty of time for preparation and prayer. You and your candidate will be notified by mail or e-mail as soon as your application is processed. We will also let you know at this time the details of the weekend and what to bring. PLEASE contact your candidate as soon as you receive the notification and make arrangements with them for the weekend and confirm their place on it.*

***LASTLY! PRAYER, SACRAFICE AND PALANCA ARE THE STRENGTH OF THE WEEKEND FROM BEGINNING (RECTOR SELECTION) UNTIL THE END (4<sup>TH</sup> DAY INTO ETERNITY!) AND ESPECIALLY TO SUNDAY NIGHT! SO START "TALKING TO GOD" NOW!***

***AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE TIMES FOR THE HOLY HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND THE CLOSING TIMES ON SUNDAY SO THAT YOU CAN BE THERE TO SUPPORT YOUR CANDIDATE IN PRESENCE AND PRAYER.***

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***MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU IN WHAT YOU ARE DOING FOR THE SAKE OF ONE OF HIS OWN! WE ARE ALWAYS HERE IF YOU NEED US!***

***Your Cursillista Family***