

CANDIDATE APPLICATION FOR A CURSILLO WEEKEND

WHAT IS THE SHORT COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY?

The Short Course in Christianity is a movement of Christian renewal that has its origins in a movement begun in Spain in 1949 by Bishop Juan Hervas and Dr. Eduardo Bonnin. Although it is quite different from a retreat, the Short Course in Christianity complements a retreat.

During the three days of the weekend, from Thursday evening to Sunday evening, people from all walks of life grow close to one another. Clergy and laity form a living, working Christian Community to gain a deep awareness of the treasures and responsibility of their faith. The weekend gives those who make it a new understanding of Jesus Christ, the basic Christian truths, and the desire to serve the Church.

The weekend is a blend of seriousness, light-heartedness, spiritual exercises, talks and discussions. The teachings of Christ are discussed within the atmosphere of joy and song. There are meditations and talks by clergy and laity and everyone making the weekend is urged to participate by taking notes, discussing, and even by making drawings that illustrate major points.

The weekend ends at the close of the three days. However, the whole point of the movement is that ordinary people can steadily grow in the love and the service of God and humanity for the rest of their lives. Christian growth is not easy, but the weekend provides a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards. In the Cursillo emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community from which springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world in which to live.

Sponsors:

Please mail applications to:

Cursillos in Christianity, Joliet Diocese,
P.O. Box #6847
Villa Park, IL 60181

If you have any questions or comments please call 630 291-8590

Thank You
Patricia Simmons
Pre-Cursillo Chairperson

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DATE _____ NAME (Please Print) _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ MARITAL STATUS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ SPOUSE NAME _____

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ BUSINESS _____

CELL PHONE _____ OCCUPATION _____

Parish and City _____ E-mail _____

Has your spouse attended a Cursillo weekend? Y N When? _____

If not, does your spouse intend to make a future weekend? _____

Place of Employment _____

Please give a brief, frank statement as to why you wish to experience the weekend. _____

Please use back of page if necessary to answer the above question.

What name would you like on your name tag _____

Please indicate any and all physical limitations or special medical or dietary arrangements that you may need.

Please list your religious, civic, recreational activities and hobbies, musical instruments you play. _____

Do you have any friends who have made a weekend? Please list their names. _____

How many children and ages? _____

Signature of Candidate _____

Note: a \$20.00 application fee is required with this application. Please return this application with the application fee to your sponsor and speak with him/her about the cost of the weekend.

In case of emergency: Your doctor's name _____ Telephone number _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Sponsor's Parish _____

Because of space limitations you may not be able to make this weekend. However, you will be notified in advance that you have been accepted and we will keep you informed regarding the upcoming weekend dates as they are scheduled. Thank you for your application.

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SPONSOR'S INFORMATION SHEET

CANDIDATE SELECTION

Those of us who are about to sponsor a candidate for a Cursillo weekend and for the Cursillo Movement must be aware of the task that we are committing ourselves to and the seriousness of our action. The following is a list of guidelines that should be used for selection of a future Cursillo candidate.

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

1. The candidate is or has the potential to be a leader.
2. The Candidate must be capable of action to Christianize his or her environments.
3. The candidate must be 21 years of age or older and must be mature enough to understand and follow through on his or her responsibilities to live the Christian life.
4. The Cursillo Movement holds in highest regard the Sacrament of Marriage and if participation in a Cursillo by one and not the other might have an adverse effect on that Sacrament, then we suggest some other form of individual spiritual renewal. Once you have determined that your candidate is married, it is suggested that you approach both together in preparation. If both are eligible, complete both applications and turn them in together. If no problems exist then either candidate may attend first.
5. The candidate must be a Roman Catholic and be able to receive the sacraments.
6. The primary responsibility of the sponsor begins after the candidate has attended the weekend. The sponsor is responsible for follow-up and support of the Candidate by means of Group Reunions and Ultreyas.
7. The candidate should not be under any unusual stress. (Remember the weekend should not be used as a cure for marital or emotional problems or addictions to drugs or alcohol, since there is a risk of causing more harm than good.)

CANDIDATE PREPARATION

1. Pray before contacting a possible candidate!
2. Do not be secretive. Answer honestly any questions the candidate has pertaining to the Movement or the weekend.
3. Explain the Cursillo to your candidate. (i.e. Group Reunion and Ultreya)
4. Invite your candidate to attend Group Reunion and Ultreya before the weekend if possible.

SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

(The following are minimum responsibilities of a sponsor)

1. Bring your candidate to the weekend or arrange for transportation for the candidate. (NOTE: Candidates should not drive to the weekend alone.)
2. Attend the closing on Sunday evening and bring your candidate home.
3. Do palanca for your candidate, both prayer and written. Encourage your Group reunion and Cursillo community to write general palanca for the team and candidates.
4. Provide for assistance to family of candidate throughout the weekend in whatever is needed during absence of the spouse.
5. After the weekend, introduce the candidate to Group Reunion and Ultreya and help him or her find a permanent Group Reunion. (Sponsor obligation here is for one year after weekend.)
6. Assist the candidate in becoming part of the Cursillo community by attending Ultreya together. (Bring candidate for at least a year.)
7. Bring completed "Candidate's Form" and "Sponsors Form" to the candidate's parish priest for completion of "Pastor's Evaluation and Approval Form".
8. Send the completed forms with candidate's \$20.00 application fee to:

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I _____ have read and fully understand my responsibilities as sponsor for this candidate.

DATE: _____

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SPONSOR'S EVALUATION**

After prayerful deliberation, I _____, agree to sponsor _____
as a candidate for a Catholic Cursillo Weekend.

When and where did you make your Cursillo Weekend? _____

Are you grouping? _____ Where do you group? _____

Where do you attend Ultreyas? _____ If not, explain. _____

How long have you known your candidate? _____ What is your relationship? _____

Have you explained the weekend begins with a silent retreat, and there is a preset schedule to follow? _____

Has your candidate ever attended an Ultreya? Y N Group Reunion? Y N

Have you used any other materials to explain about Cursillo? _____ Explain _____

Do you know if your candidate has any serious emotional or mental problems, or addiction to alcohol or drugs? _____
(If yes, please realize the Cursillo weekend could be harmful to him/her.)

Has your candidate lost a loved one or suffered other emotional trauma in the past year? _____

Do you know if your candidate has any physical restrictions? (Stairs, walking, eating, prolonged sitting, hearing, etc.)

Do you know if your candidate has any ongoing physical health problems? (Heart, asthma, diabetes, seizure disorder, etc)

Can your candidate receive the Sacraments at this time? _____

By sponsoring this candidate you are agreeing to take the responsibility for up to one year in helping your
candidate find a permanent group reunion and attend Ultreya. Have you considered this? _____

Have you made arrangements to bring your candidate to the weekend and take him/her home on Sunday? _____

Does your candidate's family need any special assistance during the weekend? _____

If spouse has not made the weekend already, in filling out this application, did you discuss Cursillo with both husband and
wife?

If no, why not? _____

Ideally, both applications should be submitted together. Is spouse's application pending? Y N

SPONSOR'S NAME (Print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE () _____ PARISH _____ E-MAIL _____

OCCUPATION _____ SIGNATURE _____

**NOTE: PASTOR'S EVALUATION, CANDIDATE'S FORM, AND SPONSOR'S FORM SHOULD BE
BROUGHT TO CANDIDATE'S PARISH BY THE SPONSOR.
PLEASE REVIEW THE PREVIOUS PAGE OF THE FORM AND SIGN BEFORE SUBMITTING.**

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PASTOR'S EVALUATION AND APPROVAL

The Cursillo Movement has been blessed by Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II and encouraged by Bishop J. Peter Sartain of the Joliet Diocese

Candidate's Name _____

Parish or Church _____

Does the candidate belong to your Parish or Church? _____

What is the extent of your contact with the candidate? _____

Do you know of any reason this candidate should not make a Cursillo? Y N

Do you know of any impediment to this person receiving the Sacraments? Y N

If yes, please explain _____

Please use back of page if necessary to answer the above questions.

Based on your review of the candidate's and the sponsor's form, do you have any additional comments?

For additional information or other comments please contact the Diocesan Spiritual Director, Fr. Mark Jendrysik, at (630) 628-0900 or write to:

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Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

PASTOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Have you ever made a Cursillo Weekend? Y N If yes, give date and location _____

Have you ever worked on a Cursillo team? Y N

Would you be interested in attending a Cursillo Weekend? Y N

Are you available for work in the Cursillo Movement? _____

Who would you recommend for the Cursillo? _____