



## **Candidate Application for a Cursillo Weekend**

### ***What is the 'Cursillo'? (Short course in Christianity)***

The Short Course in Christianity is a movement of Christian renewal that has its origins in a movement started in Spain in 1949 by Bishop Juan Hervas and Dr. Eduardo Bonnín. Although it's 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 responsibilities of their faith. Candidates who attend the weekend gain 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 those attending are urged to participate by taking notes, discussing, and by creating drawings that illustrate major points.

Though the Weekend ends at the close of the three days, 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. The Cursillo emphasizes maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community from which springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world in which to live.

To learn more, please visit: [www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org)

### **Sponsors Instructions:**

Please have your candidate complete page 2, "CANDIDATE APPLICATION". As sponsor, please complete page 3, "SPONSOR'S INFORMATION SHEET" and page 4, "SPONSOR'S EVALUATION".

Mail the completed pages 2, 3, and 4 with \$295 payment for a DOUBLE OCCUPANCY room to:

**Joliet Cursillo**  
**PO Box 4247**  
**Lisle, IL 60532**

If you have any questions, please email: [acmurphy1024@gmail.com](mailto:acmurphy1024@gmail.com) or call 630-881-9416. Payment is refundable if circumstances prohibit attendance.

De Colores!

Annmarie Murphy

Pre-Cursillo Chair – Joliet Cursillo

## CANDIDATE APPLICATION (Please print clearly!)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Weekend: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you would like on your nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish and City: \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese (If not Joliet): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Married?/Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (preferred): \_\_\_\_\_ -Home -Cell -Work Alternate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your spouse attended a Cursillo weekend? -Yes -No If so, what date? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, does your spouse plan to attend a future Weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief statement as to why you wish to experience the Cursillo Weekend: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please use back of page if more room is needed)

Have you lost a loved one or suffered other emotional trauma in the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any mental and/or physical limitations, or special medical needs that we should be aware of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary restrictions or allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your religious, civic, recreational activities, hobbies and/or any musical instruments you play: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any friends who have attended a Weekend? Please list their names. \_\_\_\_\_

You will be staying in a double occupancy room. Do you have a roommate preference? (may not be a team member) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? If so, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact (name/relationship/telephone #):** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: payment of \$295 is required with this application. Please return the completed application and payment to your sponsor. In rare instances, space limitations at the facility may preclude your attendance on the forthcoming Weekend. However, you will be notified in advance that you have been accepted and we will keep you informed regarding subsequent Weekend dates as they are scheduled.

## 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 18 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. If participation in a Cursillo by one spouse and not the other might have an adverse effect on that Sacrament, then we suggest some other form of individual spiritual renewal. If your candidate is married, it is suggested that you approach both spouses together in preparation. If both are eligible, complete both applications and turn them in together. 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. (The weekend should not be used as a cure for marital or emotional problems or addictions to drugs or alcohol, at the risk of causing more harm than good. These matters require professional attention.)

### 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.
5. If your candidate requests more information, consult our website: [www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org) and click the "Pre-Cursillo" tab to explore more literature.

### 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. Submit all 3 pages of the completed application along with the \$295 payment per instructions on page 1.
3. Attend the closing on Sunday evening and bring your candidate home.
4. Do palanca for your candidate, and write them a palanca letter. Encourage your Group Reunion and Cursillo community to do palanca and write a general palanca note for the team and candidates.
5. Provide assistance to the candidate's family throughout the weekend in whatever way is needed during absence of the spouse.
6. 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.)
7. Assist the candidate in becoming part of the Cursillo community by attending Ultreya together. (Bring candidate for at least a year.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and fully understand my responsibilities as sponsor for this candidate.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSOR'S EVALUATION

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

**Sponsorship Checklist:**

Are you participating currently in small group reunion? -Yes -No Where? \_\_\_\_\_

When and where did you make your Cursillo Weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Ultreyas? -Yes -No If so, which one(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known your candidate and what is your relationship to him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you explained that the Weekend begins with a silent retreat with a preset schedule to follow? ----- -Yes -No

Has your candidate ever attended an Ultreya or a small group reunion? ----- -Yes -No

Have you used any other materials to explain about Cursillo? ----- -Yes -No

Does your candidate have 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.) ----- -Yes -No

Has your candidate lost a loved one or suffered other emotional trauma in the past year? ----- -Yes -No

Does your candidate have any physical restrictions? ----- -Yes -No

(e.g. difficulty climbing stairs, walking, eating, prolonged sitting, hearing, vision, etc.)

Does your candidate have any ongoing physical health problems? If yes, please explain on back----- -Yes -No

Have you confirmed that your candidate is able to receive the Sacraments at this time? ----- -Yes -No

Have you made transportation arrangements to get your candidate to and from the Weekend?----- -Yes -No

Does your candidate's family need any special assistance during the Weekend? ----- -Yes -No

Is your candidate's spouse a Cursillista? ----- -Yes -No

If the spouse is not a Cursillista, did you discuss Cursillo with the spouse? ----- -Yes -No

**By sponsoring this candidate you are agreeing to take the responsibility for up to one year in helping your candidate find a small group reunion and attend Ultreyas. Are you committed to this?** ----- -Yes -No

Please explain any answers above and/or any special needs your Candidate has (continue on back if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_