

**CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO
SPONSOR INFORMATION**

SPONSORS, PLEASE ADHERE TO THE GUIDELINES LISTED BELOW:

The Cursillo is a movement within the Catholic Church in which Catholics are invited to participate. The purpose of Cursillo is to Christianize environments. Your Candidates should be potential leaders in their environments. They should have the possibility of influencing and leading others in their environments to Christ. We ask that you stop and pray about your decision to sponsor your friend. To help with your prayerful reflection, we offer the following suggestions:

1. It is uncharitable to sponsor an individual or couple who is/are currently experiencing serious personal problems (e.g. moral, psychological, marital, religious, grief, substance abuse, etc.). Helpful questions:

- Do I know my Candidate well enough to know if a serious problem exists?
- Could my Candidate's problems prevent him/her from becoming an effective Christian leader?
- Could the emotional nature of the Cursillo experience be harmful to my Candidate?
- Would my Candidate be able to participate fully in the Cursillo and feel welcomed in the Christian community that is formed?

2. Youthful candidates are encouraged. When sponsoring younger people, they should have had sufficient life experiences to integrate the Cursillo message into their lives. By the same token, Candidates of senior years should be considered carefully because of the physical strain of the weekend at Whispering Winds (elevation of 4500 feet; some climbing of gradual hills at site; bunk bed sleeping accommodations; separate building with bathroom facilities; possibility of inclement weather).

3. If you are sponsoring a married couple, it is important that both spouses attend the Cursillo weekend and it is not recommended unless both husband and wife are willing to make consecutive Cursillo weekends. **Both partners, however, should be Catholic in order to attend.** Exceptions are made on a case by case basis. Contact the Pre-Cursillo Committee if you have questions.

4. Your Candidate(s) should be fully aware of Church teaching as far as reception of the Eucharist and have no difficulty with it. If, in your prayerful consideration, your Candidate qualifies, then request each Candidate to complete the Application Form. You must complete a Sponsor Sheet for each Candidate. Be as frank and honest as possible. Please provide as much information as possible to allow the Pre-Cursillo Committee to consider the application. All information will be held in confidence. A Sponsor Sheet, Candidate Application Form and Processing Fee must be submitted for each Candidate, as a package.

Incomplete application packages (i.e. packages missing any one or more of the Sponsor Sheet, Application Form or Processing Fee [\$30.00 per individual/\$60.00 per couple]) will not be considered and will cause delay in the selection of your Candidate for a Cursillo weekend.

5. The cost of the weekend is \$130.00 per person (\$260.00 per couple). The processing fee will be applied toward this fee. The balance will be collected from each Candidate at the time he/she registers on the weekend.

The processing fee is fully refundable if the application is not approved or if the Candidate is unable to attend a Cursillo weekend within 1 year following the date of submission of the original application package. **No Candidate will be rejected because of financial difficulty.**

6. **Do not** promise a specific Cursillo weekend to your candidate. Space is limited and applications are processed on a strict first-come-first-served basis.

7. Once your application has been submitted, please feel free to take your candidate to Ultreya with you. Please let your Ultreya leader know beforehand as special activities may be limited to Cursillistas only.

Sponsors: Mail all application packages to: **PRE-CURSILLO COMMITTEE**
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