

Sponsor Guidelines

Before you invite a candidate to apply for a Cursillo:

- Pray for guidance.
- Attend a parish sponsor's meeting with the priest to discuss your Fourth Day and the sponsor's responsibilities to candidates.
- Discuss the candidate with the priest before inviting your candidate to attend Cursillo.
- Be active in Group Reunion or a growth group, and Ultreya.
- Know your candidate well and consider yourself a close friend.
- Invite your candidate to group with you prior to the Cursillo weekend.
- Invite the candidate to an Ultreya.
- The candidate's priest must be a Cursillista, or otherwise supports the ministry of Cursillo.

Sponsor's Commitment:

- Explain to your candidate that Cursillo expects a Christian commitment.
- Explain the Fourth Day and its plan of continuing Christian fellowship and evangelism.
- Explain Group Reunion and Ultreya. Invite the candidate to a Group Reunion and an Ultreya.
- Make sure that your candidate wants to attend Cursillo and is not doing this just as a favor to someone else.
- Make sure that you can transport your candidate to and from the weekend site and to the follow-up Ultreya.
- Support your candidate with prayer and sacrifice as part of your Palanca for the up-coming weekend(s), attend Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight, and the Clausura.
- Maintain contact with your candidate in the Fourth Day.
- Help your candidate find a permanent Group Reunion and encourage attendance at the Ultreyas.

Candidates

- Choose candidates who are baptized Christians and preferably are members of the Episcopal Church. (Others are welcome if the parish priest approves).
- Choose people of a well-balanced personality who already are recognized for their natural ability and who appear to influence their environment.
- Choose people who give clear signs of drawing profit from the Cursillo method and of being faithful to the Fourth Day.

- Choose those primarily who are already active leaders in lay organizations, but also choose those who are less active who might become leaders, who are ready to Christianize their environments.
- Choose only those who seem to be living in grace already, or who are at least free of obstacles to the reception of the Sacraments.
- A candidate should have the ability and desire to live in and for a community.
- A candidate should understand that Cursillo is a way of Christian living, not just a weekend.
- A candidate should have no apparent or obvious emotional problems.

Procedures:

1. Give the applicant paper forms for:
 - Candidate Instructions
 - Candidate Application
2. If you and the candidate are computer literate, you may share the electronic PDF that can be filled in on a computer. The completed form must still be printed on paper for mailing.
3. Give the candidate's priest the Parish Priest's Recommendation.
4. Answer all direct questions about Cursillo.
5. Help candidates complete application forms. All blanks must be filled.
6. Collect the completed application and the fee.
7. Fill out the Sponsor's Sheet completely, including any notes on the candidate's needs, such as special diet, allergies, medication, or physical handicap. If filled in on the electronic PDF, it still must be printed on paper for mailing.
8. Mail the candidate's application, the sponsor's sheet, and the check to the Lay Director (Address is on Sponsor's Application).
9. The priest will mail the confidential recommendation directly to the Lay Director, whose address is on the Parish Priest's Recommendation form.
10. The candidate will not be considered registered until all paper work is in order and the fee for the weekend is paid in full. (Refer to the "*Financial Assistance Policy for Cursillo Candidates*" on the following page).

Monarch Cursillo, like the Diocese of Fond du Lac, is a diverse body of believers who are committed to seeking together in charity to better live in the way of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus, we welcome as candidates and staff at our events anyone who shares that commitment or desires to explore such a commitment regardless of political conviction, race or ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

Financial Assistance Policy for Cursillo Candidates

A Cursillo weekend can be a life-changing moment in anyone's life and your Secretariat believes that no one should be denied the opportunity to attend a weekend due to a financial hardship. Further, we believe there needs to be a thoughtful discussion with the Candidate regarding the cost of the weekend and, if necessary, the progression of obtaining financial assistance monies.

First and foremost, the Candidate needs to make a financial investment into his or her own weekend. Currently, the estimated cost of the 3-day weekend is \$165. Considering the fee covers use of the facilities as well as all the meals, this is a rather inexpensive three days. All or a portion of this cost should be paid by the Candidate.

One of the benefits of attending a Cursillo weekend is to help an individual recognize their individual calling to be a Christian leader. By encouraging individuals to attend the weekend, that benefit of leadership will hopefully be returned and shared within their home parish.

Therefore, once a Candidate and Sponsor determine what portion of the fee the Candidate will pay, and, if it is then determined the Candidate needs some financial assistance, the Sponsor and Candidate should approach the Parish Clergy. If the Clergy is aware of parish financial assistance money or other available funds, then the local parish should pay the remainder of the cost, if at all possible.

Your Secretariat remains available to share, after the Candidate and their respective Parish, in the cost for a weekend, if there is a demonstrated financial need. We encourage parishes to participate in building financial assistance funds through gifting by parish members or the parish stewardship program.

As we all know, Cursillo helps to deepen our Christian commitment and fulfill our call to bring all people to Christ. With this effort in mind, we need to support each other both spiritually and financially, so that more individuals can experience their own Cursillo weekend.

Ultreya!