



Oakland Cursillo Community

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SPONSOR FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESS

YOUR NAME _____ NAME OF YOUR CANDIDATE _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____ **EMAIL:** _____ Where do you

attend church? _____ When and where did you make your weekend? _____ Are you active

in a Group Reunion? Y / N ___ How long have you known this candidate? _____ Relationship _____

Why is this person a good candidate and why do you recommend him or her? _____

How have you planned to introduce your candidate to the Cursillo community? _____

Have you discussed medical, dietary and physical needs with your candidate? Y / N ___ What physical impairment or condition exists that may require special arrangements? (Explain fully) _____

What was the date of the last sponsor's workshop you attended? _____ Do you have any questions regarding your responsibilities to this candidate? _____ How will your candidate get to the Cursillo weekend? _____

I have informed this candidate about what to expect during and after the Cursillo weekend and s/he is willing to participate in the activities. I have made provisions for her/his introduction to their local Cursillo community. I will provide transportation to and from the Cursillo weekend, and will support her/his spouse and family during her/his absence. I have informed my applicant of the cost of the weekend.

Please initial _____

CLERGY FORM

A Cursillo weekend involves individual reflection on the relationship between Christian faith and daily life. As a result, we want to be sensitive to on-going pastoral issues. How long have you known the candidate? _____ Is there anything happening in this person's life that would be helpful for the Spiritual Advisor(s) of the weekend to know about? _____

Is he/she active in the church? _____ Please explain: _____

Have you attended a Cursillo weekend? ___ Where? _____ When? _____ Worked a weekend? ___ Been a Spiritual Advisor? _____

Is there an active Cursillo community in your parish? Y/N _____ Does your parish have a Cursillo Rep? Y/N _____

If so, please give us their name. _____ EMAIL: _____

Do you recommend this candidate for a Cursillo Weekend? _____

Clergy name _____ (Please sign Applicant Form) Parish _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone number _____ FAX _____ Email _____

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

First and foremost it is the sponsor's responsibility to discern the candidate's readiness for a Cursillo Weekend. Cursillo is a call to lay leadership. Is your potential candidate curious about searching, discovering and growing in faith? Will the candidate be open to the present moments of the weekend? Honest about their spiritual journey? If so, is the candidate in a good place emotionally? If the candidate is in a time of stress or turmoil, it may not be the right time to make a weekend.

As a sponsor, you have several responsibilities:

Prior to the weekend:

Prepare the candidate for the weekend by explaining the basic format. No need to share everything, but the candidate should know that there is a series of talks on various spiritual topics, prayer services that are uniquely Catholic, and that sacraments will be offered on the weekend. Non-Catholics must understand that it is a Catholic weekend. Non-Catholics are entirely welcome on the Oakland Diocesan Cursillo weekends, but an Anglican weekend can be offered to the non-Catholics.

Make sure that the candidate fills out an application, pointing out the need to include health and diet restrictions. Make sure that you fill out the sponsor form, have a member of the clergy sign it and get it to the Pre-Cursillo committee. The applicant's form also needs to be signed by clergy. Both forms need to be returned together. Please follow up! Don't let the form get lost on someone's desk!

Make sure that the candidate understands the dates and times, including fourth day. When the candidate receives the letter of acceptance with the list of items to bring, go over it with the candidate to make sure that everything is clear. In the foreseeable future candidates will be sleeping on airbeds on the floor. This must be understood so that it won't be a surprise or a hardship for the candidate. Find out if the site of the weekend has any particular 'problems' that might be a physical challenge for your candidate.

On the weekend:

Provide transportation to the weekend and stay with your candidate, helping to check-in, choose a bed and keeping them company during the short time of fellowship before the rector or rectora calls for the weekend to officially begin.

Be available to the family of your candidate if they should need support during the weekend.

Attend Mananitas if possible. If the candidate is married, make sure that the spouse is invited to the Closures. Help them with transportation to the Closures if needed. Make sure they know about any welcome get-together at your, or their, parish after the Closures. Attend Closures. Pick up your candidate after Closures.

After the weekend:

Attend fourth day with your candidate. Help your candidate to find or start a group reunion. The continuing experience of grouping is known to be vital to keep the Cursillo spirit alive. This is a major responsibility of the sponsor.

Always: Pray for your candidate!