

ALBANY EPISCOPAL CURSILLO
OUTLINE OF SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

I. Pre-Cursillo

- A. Are you leading an active Christian life and do you try to be a living witness to your love for Christ? Cursillo sponsors are like godparents; i.e., they must be active in their church, attend church regularly and actively participate on a regular basis in Ultreya and Group Reunion. It is only through personal witness that we will make the Cursillo Method attractive to prospective candidates.
- B. **Before** you discuss Cursillo with your candidate it is important that you talk with the candidate's clergy in charge about your desire to sponsor him or her for the weekend.
- C. The Cursillo weekend is not meant to "work miracles". The candidate should be free of family stress; i.e., recent divorce or family deaths. Usually a period of one year from the occurrence of the trauma is suggested.
- D. The candidate:
 - 1. Must be a baptized Christian and regularly attend an Episcopal parish.
 - 2. Should have a desire to grow in the faith and in community.
 - 3. Should understand that there will be an opportunity for renewal of one's Baptismal Covenant.
 - 4. Should be mature and without any apparent stress or concerns and can be single, married or divorced.
- E. Discuss your candidate with the members of your permanent group and asked them to pray with you for guidance.
- F. Explain the weekend to your candidate (15 talks, discussions, worship, singing and fellowship). Make sure he/she really wants to go. Explain to the candidate about Grouping, Ultreya and the Follow-up Reunion.
- G. Take your candidate to an Ultreya and a Group Reunion.
- H. Explain to the candidate that the weekend is paid for by previous Cursillistas.

II. Cursillo Weekend

- A. The sponsor should make sure the candidate takes everything he/she will need for the weekend.
- B. The sponsor should provide transportation to and from the weekend, **arriving at the stated time of registration (not early and not late)**.
- C. The sponsor should arrange to take care of any baby-sitting, shopping etc. and assist the candidate's family with any other needs that may present itself over the weekend. Where appropriate the sponsor should also make an attempt to include the candidate's family in his/her life over the weekend.
- D. The sponsor should plan a program of Palanca for the candidate.
- E. The sponsor should attend Closing on Sunday as well as Holy Hour and the Serenade on Saturday evening. The sponsor should also invite the candidate's clergy in charge and family to attend Closing on Sunday.

III. Fourth Day

- A. The sponsor is responsible for transporting the candidate to and from Follow-up and to encourage and arrange for the candidate to find a permanent group and to attend Ultreya.
- B. The sponsor is responsible for assisting the candidate to develop and implement their piety, study and action.

IV. Application Procedure

- A. **Be sure all blanks on your candidate's application are filled in.**
- B. Complete the Sponsor's Recommendation.
- C. Give the application, plus a **stamped** envelope addressed to the Registrar of the Secretariat (name and address are on the last page of the candidate's application), to the candidate's clergy in charge for his/her recommendation. The clergy should seal the envelope and mail it.
- D. Complete all of the above so the registrar receives the application **at least** two weeks but hopefully two months before the scheduled Weekend.

ALBANY EPISCOPAL CURSILLO APPLICATION

Section 1

(To be completed by the applicant. Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) Street _____ - City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Date of Birth _____ Marital Status _____

E-mail Address _____ Occupation _____

Parish _____ Location _____

Church/Community Activities _____

Renewal Programs Attended _____

Special Considerations/Needs: Diet, mobility, hearing, etc. _____

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

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Section 2

(To be filled out by the sponsor. Please print.)

Sponsor's Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Ultreya _____

E-mail Address _____

Applicant's Name _____

Have you discussed the weekend with the candidate's clergy in charge? Yes No

Have you explained that the candidate's Cursillo experience will be paid for by others and that he/she will have the opportunity to contribute toward future candidate's Cursillo Weekends? Yes No

Have you explained the Cursillo Follow-up Reunion to your candidate, emphasized its importance and made plans to attend with your candidate? Yes No

Have you explained Grouping and Ultreya to your candidate? Yes No

Has your candidate participated in Grouping? Yes No

Is there a Group available to your candidate after the weekend? Yes No

Has your candidate attended an Ultreya? Yes No

Which Ultreya would you expect your candidate to attend? _____

Please include **why you are recommending the applicant as a candidate for the weekend** and an explanation of any health/diet restrictions that may not have been described sufficiently.

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____

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Section 3

(To be completed by the candidate's Clergy)

Clergy Name _____

Parish Phone (____) _____ - _____ Clergy Phone (____) _____ - _____

Parish e-mail _____ Clergy e-mail _____

Applicant's Name _____

Cursillo, or "Short Course in Christian Living", is a sanctioned program of the Episcopal Church and has been commended by Bishop Love. The three-day weekend presents, by gradual unfolding, a program of Prayer, Study and Action to be lived within the church and within the Christian Community. It presents a method for living what is fundamental to being a Christian. It is a very joyous and intensive weekend with free time for reflection and relaxation. A candidate should know Christ as Savior and be without any apparent emotional or psychological stress or concerns. We therefore request your confidential remarks and recommendation – or non-recommendation – of this candidate. This application will be reviewed by Father Cooper, Jr., Diocesan Spiritual Advisor to Cursillo. Should there be any questions concerning the suitability of the candidate, he will discuss the application with you. *To help support your parishioner, you are welcome and encouraged to attend the closing ceremony on Sunday afternoon of the weekend as are his/her family and friends.*

Clergy Signature _____ Date _____

Please send the complete, 3-part application to:

Andrea Breslin, Registrar
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Saratoga Springs, New York 12866
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