

SPONSORSHIP IN ACTION

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Let Us Pray Together

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Purpose of Sponsorship Training

- Our purpose today is to reinforce potential sponsors with the responsibilities of being good sponsors
- Discuss Sponsors Responsibilities for:
 - ✓ Recruitment of Pilgrims/Candidates
 - ✓ Cursillo Weekend
 - ✓ 4th Day Activities and Group Reunion

Cursillo has a Mission... Goal... Strategy...

- Our **Vision** is “to convert Christians to a deeper relationship with God and to help them to understand their individual calling to be Christian leaders.”
- Make a friend, Be a friend, and Bring a friend to Christ.

Characteristics of Cursillo Sponsor

*Depending on your Secretariat guidelines

1. Have attended a Cursillo Weekend and participated in a Sponsor's Workshop
2. Currently in a Reunion Group or will begin a Reunion Group with the applicant
3. Attend Ultreyas consistently*
4. By God's Grace, follow a Rule of Life
5. Willing to discuss the applicant with the priest to assure this is a good time in the participant's life to experience Cursillo

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6. Pray, and will continue to praying, for the person I am sponsoring
7. Arrange transportation for the Pilgrims/Candidates for the Cursillo Weekend *
8. As needed, I will arrange for appropriate family and pet needs of the applicant during the Cursillo Weekend
9. Willing to answer questions from the applicant concerning the Cursillo Ministry and the Cursillo Weekend
10. May be responsible for arranging for part of the cost of the Cursillo Weekend*

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11. Suggested what things to pack for the Cursillo Weekend (Comfortable clothes, medicines, jacket, bug spray)
12. Write personal palanca to the Pilgram/Candidates *
13. Willing to reach out to family and friends to also write palanca to send with sponsor to the camp/event venue*
14. Ask Cursillista's home church to send personal palanca and to attend Clausura if possible*
15. Bring new Cursillista for the Day of Deeper Understanding *

Identify Pilgrim/Candidates

- It is important to, *talk to God about your Pilgrim/Candidates before you talk to your Pilgrim/Candidates about God*
- God will lead you to the right person to sponsor. It is always God who calls the Pilgrim/Candidates through the sponsors

Identify Pilgrim/Candidates

*Depending on your Secretariat guidelines

- A Pilgrim/Candidates for Cursillo should be a baptized Christian*
- A Pilgrim/Candidates should be twenty-one or older reasonably stable and mature*
- Is candidate searching for Christ? Will Cursillo strengthen their life in Christ? Do you see Christ in this person?
- Consult with the priest or pastor for their approval prior to asking a potential Pilgrim/Candidates

Identify Pilgrim/Candidates

- Does the Pilgrim/Candidates show a desire for a closer relationship with God? Have they been experiencing a spiritual yearning?
- Visit and share about the impact Cursillo had on you and your walk with Christ
- Does the candidate want to grow in understanding of Christ and His work in their lives?
- Will the candidate read and study the Bible or Christian books to increase knowledge of God's longing to be close to them?

Identify Pilgrim/Candidates

- Share ideas of Christian Action with them and how to commit to working with others to help those in need
- Discuss Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Bring a Friend to Christ.
- Share the impact that a 4th Day Reunion Group has had on you and assist a Pilgrim/Candidates in getting established in a Reunion Group

Weekend Sponsor Checklist

*Depending on your Secretariat guidelines

1. Provide or arrange for transportation*
2. Arrange for childcare, pets care, family needs and looking out for their home*
3. Provide contact information to family
4. Include the family as part of the support team. With prayer, palanca, and attending Claursura*
5. Personal & General palanca
 - Furnish a personal placemat for your participant/Coffee Cup*
6. Pray for the Pilgram/Candidate before, during and after the Cursillo Weekend
7. Deliver personal palanca from the local Cursillo community*
8. Attend the Claursura*
9. Be a part of a prayer vigil during the Cursillo weekend*

Weekend Checklist for Pilgram/Candidates

*Depending on your Secretariat guidelines

1. General outline of the weekend,
 - Start & end date, time, location
 - What to bring (flashlight, medications, umbrella, bug spray, seasonable clothing and proper shoes for terrain)
 - What not to bring - Work, cell phone, lap top I-pad, pets, children etc*
2. Overall structure of 15 talks and 5 meditations lead by clergy
3. Daily worship, music and fellowship
4. Group discussions
5. Food provided
6. Times of reflection
7. Day of Deeper Understanding (DDU)*
 - Sponsor will bring new Cursillista
8. Participate in a Reunion Group and attend Ultreyas
9. Ask candidate what questions they have

4th Day Sponsor Checklist

*Depending on your Secretariat guidelines

1. Communicate with new Cursillista on a continual bases
2. Confirm plans to attend Day of Deeper Understanding together*
3. Coordinate Group Reunion with new Cursillista
5. How Rule of Life is developing? Answer any questions
6. Attend Ultreyas consistently together for the first year

A co-sponsor may be need to help meet all the responsibilities

The background of the slide features three simple wooden crosses standing on a dark, silhouetted hill. The sky behind them is a soft, warm gradient of yellow and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text 'Discussion & Questions' is overlaid on this scene in a large, bold, blue font with a slight drop shadow.

Discussion & Questions

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Closing Prayer

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for our Cursillo Ministry and those called to be sponsors. Amen.