

CURSILLO APPLICATION / INFORMATION

Ottawa Cursillo Movement



SPONSOR INFORMATION

(NOTE: It is also possible and preferable to apply on-line: ottawacursillo.ca)

Dear Sponsor,

1. Please read this sponsor information page and keep for your information.
2. Give the 2nd and 3rd pages (Candidate Information and Weekend Application) to your candidate.
3. Ask your candidate to fill out the top portion of the Weekend Application and return it to you.
4. Complete the 'sponsor' portion of the Weekend Application and send it to the address provided or give it directly to the Pre-Cursillo Director.

Sponsorship is responding in a positive way to Christ's instruction to spread the Good News. It is a special blessing when we are chosen to be instrumental in providing another with the opportunity to learn that only through Christ can we be truly alive. It is important that you are a friend to those you introduce to Cursillo. Only when you feel he/she is 'open' to a closer relationship with God should you invite your friend on a Weekend. In keeping with the objectives of Cursillo, candidates should be open to being active in the church and/or community, and demonstrate a love of God, family, and a concern for others. Candidates will often need support to make what seems like a major commitment. You can encourage them by sharing your Weekend experience and how it affected your relationship with God and your life. It will be your encouragement that will have the most influence.

Information Meeting

You will be introducing someone to a short course in Christian living that could change their lives dramatically. Therefore, it is **highly recommended** that an informal get-together be arranged with your candidate and, if appropriate, their spouse to discuss the Cursillo Weekend. Spouses, even if it is unlikely that they will make a Weekend, should be included so that they learn about Cursillo and the Weekend. If a cosponsor is required, it is important that he/she also attend. You should provide all relative information and answer all questions. Do not be secretive. Answers such as "You'll find out", "Trust me." etc. are not acceptable. Discuss the cost, the team and its role, the talks and table discussion. In short, everything except palanca and the Sunday surprises.

Responsibilities

Sponsors should:

- provide transportation to Notre-Dame-de-la-Providence in Orléans between 7:00-7:30 p.m. on Thursday.
- attend the Palanca (Send-off) Ultreya.
- pray for your friend and all those on the Weekend.
- be present on Sunday when the Community gathers to welcome the new Cursillistas.
- encourage your new Cursillista to attend the welcome-back Ultreya with you.
- encourage them to take advantage of Ultreya and Group Reunion with you or with Cursillo friends.
- introduce your new Cursillista at your local Ultreya.

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Co-Sponsorship

If you are unable to fulfill any of the responsibilities listed above because your candidate does not live in your parish or because you have other commitments, please contact the Pre-Cursillo Director. He/she will put you in touch with a Cursillista(s) in the candidate's parish. It will be up to you to contact the co-sponsor and make the necessary arrangements for him/her to meet the candidate before the Weekend.

Priorities

Due to a variety of reasons, the Weekend is limited to 30 candidates. If the number of applications exceeds the space available the following priorities are applied.

Firstspouses of Cursillistas

Second those sponsored by team (if received not later than 2 weeks after 1st team meeting)

Thirdthose on the waiting list from the Ottawa area

Fourth.....all others on the waiting list

Priority within each group is normally based on the date of receipt of the application.

Note: Sponsors may be limited to one candidate per Weekend under some conditions.

Cost

The amount charged each candidate for a Weekend is \$200 which is payable by cash or cheque when registering. This amount includes a private room, all meals and materials. No one has ever been denied a Weekend because they were unable to pay. Should you wish to help your candidate pay, please advise him/her beforehand.