

Application Process



1. Identify a potential candidate.....PRAY
2. If they are not already a friend begin the process... Make friends, Become friends, Make them friends of Christ.
3. Read the Sponsor booklet. Ultreya leads should have these. If your candidate is married, pay attention to pages 16-19 in the Sponsor's booklet.
4. Go to www.charlottecursillo.com and download the application.
5. Please try to complete the Form by typing. Fill out the sponsor portion. If you are not able to fill out "Yes" to the requirements you will need a co-sponsor who can answer "Yes" to the questions.
6. Fill out as much of the candidate portion as possible and print out the form.
7. Take the form to your candidate's pastor and ask if there are any known obstacles to your friend making the Weekend.
8. If no objections, ask the pastor to sign & date the application.
9. Approach your candidate about the Weekend.
10. If they want to go, have them fill out the rest of the candidate part of the application and sign and date it. Have them return it to you with their check made out to Charlotte Cursillo for the amount of the Weekend.
11. Give the payment along with the completed form to your local Ultreya leader.
12. The Precursillo Secretariat member will notify you and your candidate upon receipt of the completed application and payment.



Teamwork and Community

Rely on your small group reunion, and others to answer questions and share their experience



MEN'S GROUP



WOMEN'S GROUP

Logistics

Your candidate will receive correspondence with Weekend instructions from Precursillo. The Sponsor will arrange transportation to and from the Weekend, and advises the Weekend team of any special medical dietary or physical needs of their candidate.

During the Weekend

The Sponsor can help the candidate, within reason, with home responsibilities to free them up for the Weekend.



For more information visit our website:

<http://www.charlottecursillo.com>

or the National Cursillo website

www.natl-cursillo.org

The Cursillo Movement



Sponsorship

Make Friends



Become Friends



Make Them Friends of Christ



Diocese of Charlotte



Eduardo Bonnin – Founder

Introduction

Eduardo Bonnin, one of the lay founders of the Cursillo Movement said, "Cursillos are held...not so that there will be a large number of Cursillistas...but to have living and active Christians." The Cursillo Movement promotes the creation of core groups of Christians who leaven their environments with the Gospel."

Purpose of Sponsoring

The purpose of sponsoring is to bring about a change in the environments. Sponsoring is not a haphazard circumstance. It should be a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. The purpose of the Cursillo is to equip the faithful with the tools and methods to meet their baptismal promise, which is to bring the Gospel of Christ into the environments in which they operate.

Responsibilities of the Sponsor

The responsibility of a sponsor is much more than just delivering their candidates to the doors of the Cursillo center. Sponsors should discuss the Weekend with their candidates and assure them that they may ask any questions and will be told anything they want to know about the Weekend. Sponsors also need to provide support and prayer for their candidate during that time and, most importantly, nurture their friendship throughout the new Cursillista's Fourth Day.

Sponsors should:

- "Speak to God about their candidate before speaking to their candidate about Cursillo."
- Understand the Movement (read the Sponsor's Booklet) that it is a threefold encounter with Christ, ourselves, and others.
- Know the candidate well, using the Cursillo method of "Make friends," "Become friends," and "Make them friends of Christ." Show by example how to live a Christian life.
- Ensure your candidate is baptized, is a practicing Catholic, can receive the Sacraments, can make rational decisions, and doesn't have obstacles that would hinder participating in Group Reunion and Ultreya.
- Share the basic details of the Weekend and the 4th Day perseverance method of Group Reunion and Ultreya. If married, share the information with the spouse.
- Besides the Weekend transportation, arrange any assistance to the family during the candidate's absence, attend the Clausura, and offer prayer and sacrifice before, during, and after the Weekend.
- Support the candidate during the 4th Day by staying in close, personal contact for at least 1 year. Work with Postcursillo to get him or her in a Group Reunion and make sure they have an opportunity to attend Ultreya.
- Ensure your candidate has read the booklet: "The Cursillo Movement - What Is It?"

Who to Ask

Should we apply any sort of a filter on who we can invite to attend a Weekend? Yes, the person should be a Catholic in good standing, confirmed, and able to receive all the Sacraments. Also, the person should be emotionally stable, without active substance abuse issues and be able to participate with an open mind in the Weekend experience.

The Cursillo is not a counseling movement. Folks needing that level of attention need professional help.

Cursillo literature describes two types of candidates: (1) Those who *can go* (meet the criteria above, are Catholics in good standing, and desirous of a closer relationship with the Lord) and (2) Those who *should go* (also meet the same criteria, and in addition, are the backbone of their environments, are interiorly motivated, mature, responsible, concerned about the social conditions of our times, as well as being natural leaders).



Be Prepared

Be prepared and do your homework! Are you actively participating in a small group reunion? If not, you are strongly urged to enlist the support of someone who is actively grouping as a co-sponsor. Be well versed in what the Weekend experience entails. Be prepared to summarize the Weekend activities, the thrust of the talks (Piety, Study, Action, Grace, Sacraments) as well as the logistical details.

Also be prepared to bear witness as to what the Cursillo experience has meant to you personally – both the Weekend and 4th Day. How has your participation in the Weekend and the subsequent group reunions helped you in meeting your baptismal promise? Remember that there is no better preparation for a candidate than a personal and authentic witness of our 4th Day.

Your candidate will undoubtedly have questions. You may feel as though you can address all of them and perhaps you can. In spite of this, make use of the resources available from the website to allow the potential candidate to further study the movement on his or her own.