

Grouard-McLennan Cursillo

Application for a Cursillo Weekend

The act of sponsoring a person for a Cursillo weekend is one of **love** and **responsibility**. Through sponsorship you are committing yourself to several obligations, both **before, during** and **after** the weekend. Completion of both parts of the attached form will provide the selection team with information which will aid them in the selection process.

Before making the decision to approach anyone about making a Cursillo weekend, pray about your course of action, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you and sharpen your sensitivity regarding whether this is the right time and the right step for the candidate to take in his/her faith journey.

To be a sponsor, you **MUST**:

- Have made a Cursillo weekend yourself
- Know the aim of the Cursillo movement
- Be an authentic witness of Christian Living
- Be ready to involve yourself with your candidate prior to the Cursillo (both social and spiritual); during the weekend (palanca, mananitas, closing mass); after the weekend (accompany them to several Ultreyas, invite them into your Group Reunion or another group).

Points Considered During Candidate Selection:

The purpose of Cursillo is to help individuals become Christian Leaders in their Environments, so that these environments can be transformed in Christ. The weekend experience will be different for each candidate, but the outcome needs to match the above purpose. So, while the selection team will avoid pre-judging anyone, they will consider the following points:

- The candidate must have self discipline and be of stable character
- He/She must be capable of understanding the message and transmitting it in their environments.
- He/She must be able to discover their gifts and put them at the service of the Christian Community.
- He/She must be capable of influencing others in their environments; they must be able to help others materially and spiritually.
- Attending Ultreyas and being part of a regular Group Reunion (or other small community) must be a possibility.

It is recommended that the following persons NOT be sponsored on a Cursillo:

- Anyone who is presently emotionally unstable
- Those who have serious, active addiction problems (drugs, alcohol, gambling)
- Those with abnormal emotional conditions (nervous breakdown, clinical depression)
- One who is closed to the Christian perspective

It is imperative that your candidate be properly prepared for the weekend and the post-Cursillo. He/She must be aware that this is not a purely theoretical course; that there will be sharing and discussion of life, faith, beliefs, the Church and issues connected to these. Cursillo has been described as an Encounter with Christ, through the concrete, visible and experiential community that gathers at the weekend – you must ensure that your candidate understands and is prepared for such an encounter.

Note: In Grouard-McLennan, it is a policy that, for married couples, the husband must attend before the wife. It is recommended that you sponsor both husband and wife at the same time, with the wife attending the next weekend after her husband. If you believe an exception to this policy is warranted, you must submit a letter explaining the reasons for such an exception along with the application forms.

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THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR (B)

This form must be completed in full and returned with the Candidate Application Form (A) to the Director of Cursillo, at least four weeks prior to the weekend. Failure to complete both forms will jeopardize the opportunity for the candidate to be selected.

Director of Cursillo: PO Box 21064, Grande Prairie, AB, T8V 6W7;
e-mail:

Cursillo Sponsor Commitment and Endorsement

Candidate name _____

How long have you known the candidate? _____

Which environment(s) do you share with the candidate? _____

Have you explained the purpose of the Cursillo Weekend to candidate?: _____

Why do you feel this person should attend a Cursillo Weekend?: _____

Does the candidate have any physical, emotional or spiritual issues which would affect his/her ability to participate in the weekend? _____

Does the candidate have alcohol or drug related problems? _____

Where & when did you make your Cursillo weekend?: _____

What specific arrangements have you made for your candidate to join a group reunion?

Do you attend Ultreya?: _____ Yes _____ No

Are you currently in a group reunion? _____ Yes _____ No

If you are in a group reunion,
would you consider accepting one or more new members? _____ Yes _____ No

If you are not in a group reunion, are you part of another small community that meets the intent of a reunion (eg. Bible Study, Prayer Group, etc?) _____ Yes _____ No

If you are not in a group reunion or other small community,
would you like to be? _____ Yes _____ No

In what community (i.e. town, city) would you be able to meet for a group reunion?

By signing this application form you are accepting responsibility to follow up and support your candidate before, during and after the Cursillo Weekend. You are reminded that the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to develop in adult Christians a consciousness of their power and mission to become leaders in the work of Christian Renewal, and to sustain them as they provide Christian leaven in civic, social and economic life. This "Christianizing of Environments" is what the Cursillo Movement is all about.

Sponsors Name: _____ Date: _____
(please print)

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Hm Phone () _____

Cell Ph (if any) _____ Work Ph (if any) _____

e-mail address (if any) _____