



Sponsoring a Candidate for a Cursillo Weekend

**Make a Friend
Be a Friend
Bring a Friend to Christ**

The purpose of sponsoring a candidate is to help bring someone closer to Christ, and then through that he/she will share their renewed relationship with the Lord and evangelize his/her environments.

Cursillo is intended for baptized Catholic adults who are able to receive Communion at Mass. Cursillo is not intended to take the place of professional help for personal problems. Your candidate should be stable, mature, and responsible. Please take the time through prayer to determine whether your candidate is ready for a Cursillo Weekend.

Cursillo holds the highest regard for the Sacrament of Marriage. One spouse experiencing a Cursillo Weekend, while the other spouse does not, can lead to division in their marriage. Therefore, the ideal is for both spouses to experience Cursillo within the same pair of men's/women's weekends. A married candidate whose spouse will also be a candidate (or who has already experienced a Cursillo Weekend) will be given priority over a married candidate whose spouse does not intend to be a candidate within the same weekend pair.

As a Sponsor, you need to describe Cursillo openly and honestly to your candidate. Do not be secretive. You should strive to personally bring your candidate to the weekend on Thursday evening as well as to attend the closing ceremony and take him/her home on Sunday afternoon. Please provide assistance to the candidate's family during the absence of the spouse and make sure they know when he/she will be home on Sunday.

Group Reunions and Ultreyas provide continuing support during our Fourth Day for personal growth and evangelizing our environments. After your candidate's weekend, please assist them in finding a Group Reunion and attend Ultreyas together until he/she feel comfortable on their own. You can even invite a potential candidate to your Group Reunion or Ultreya before he/she makes their weekend.

Please continue to lift up your and all of the candidates with Palanca.

As someone's Sponsor, you are their primary connection to the Cursillo Weekend and the Cursillo Community, and therefore you are their primary means of communication regarding the application process and the weekend itself.

Application Logistics

1. Download the Candidate Application from the website:
<http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Cursillo-Resources>
2. Have your candidate fill out the application form and return it **to you** along with their \$25 non-refundable deposit (if necessary, it can be transferred to a future weekend).
3. Mail the completed application and deposit to the Rector/Rectora or person in charge of applications for the corresponding weekend, or give them to a team member. The contact information for the Rector/a or person in charge is provided to the Cursillo Community via a "Cursillo News" email. The completed application can also be emailed to fwsbcursillo@gmail.com, but mailing it directly to the person responsible is preferred.

Sponsor Responsibilities – Before the Weekend

1. Explain to your Candidate that:
 - a. The Cursillo Weekend is a short course in Christianity, not a "retreat".
 - b. There will be a series of talks and discussions each day.
 - c. There will be times of prayer and celebrating of sacraments.
 - d. There will also be free time and social activities.
 - e. The weekend begins Thursday evening at 7:30pm and ends Sunday around 3:30pm.
2. Stay in close contact with your candidate leading up to the weekend for support, as needed, answering any questions he/she might have.
3. Notify the Rector/a if the candidate has any special circumstances or preferences that he/she did not include on their application form (e.g. mobility issues that would make it best for them to room on the main floor).
4. Drive your candidate to and from the weekend, or arrange another ride for them.
5. Pray for your candidate and perform sacrificial Palanca for them.
6. Write a Palanca Letter for your candidate, and for the other candidates as your time allows.
7. Solicit Palanca Letters from your candidate's family and friends.

Sponsor Responsibilities – During the Weekend

1. If your candidate has children, consider helping their family deal with their absence.
2. Pray for your candidate and perform sacrificial Palanca for them.

Sponsor Responsibilities – After the Weekend

1. Assist your candidate in finding an existing or forming a new Group Reunion, as needed.
2. Stay in contact with your candidate to keep him/her connected to the Cursillo Community.
3. Continue praying for your candidate.