



Cursillos in Christianity

Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan

Sponsor Information

Speak to God about man before speaking to man about God.

Sponsoring a candidate for Cursillo is a serious, year-long commitment and should not be taken lightly. Candidates should be prayerfully and carefully selected. A sponsor is strongly advised to sponsor no more than one person per year. Sponsors may sponsor either gender and a non-Roman may sponsor a Roman.

The only requirement for candidates is that he or she be Roman Catholic, but sponsors should also consider candidates for strength of character, maturity, an open mind, an ability to listen, friendship, and willingness to change. Candidates should be emotionally healthy and seeking a deeper spiritual life. The Cursillo weekend is *not* designed to be a cure-all for those experiencing personal problems.

Prayer is an important part of sponsorship and sponsors should pray for candidates before, during and after the Cursillo weekend.

Sponsors are also expected to:

Explain the Cursillo Weekend

- Answer ALL questions that your candidate might have. You cannot tell him/her too much.
- Explain what the facility at the Augustine Center is like.
- Explain dress for the weekend is casual, with most people dressing up more on Sunday.

Make sure the Weekend application is totally completed

- Assist your candidate in completing the Candidate Application Form online at gaylordcursillo.org. Be sure to note any special physical or dietary needs. Make sure it is filled out completely and submitted. In the Sponsor's section, be sure to indicate whether your candidate would make a good table leader or secretary. Follow the instructions for printing out the Pastor's section, have the pastor complete it and mail to the appropriate Precursillo rep as indicated on the form along with your sponsor fee.
- Make sure you have gone through the cost of the Weekend with your candidate. If it presents a financial hardship, contact your local Ultreya Precursillo Rep for guidance on how to secure assistance.

Keep in close contact with your Candidate before the Weekend.

- Make sure he or she has transportation to and from the Augustine Center. If you cannot transport the candidate yourself, try to pair him or her up with another candidate. Please make every effort to make sure the candidate has another person to ride with.
- Try to ease any fears or anxiety that the candidate might have before, especially the week before the weekend and if a spouse has attended shortly before.
- Make certain that a candidate's family is informed and knows the candidate will probably return rather late on Sunday. You may want to contact the candidate's family during the weekend as well.

Support your candidate during the Weekend.

- Do palanca for your candidate and write a letter. Letters from non-Cursillistas (including family members) are not necessary (or appropriate).
- Attend the Sunday closing. There will be a brief sponsor's meeting on the Sunday of the weekend. Specific information about this meeting will be sent to you later. Remember that your candidate will be looking for you at the closing. If you cannot make the closing you might consider finding someone else to sponsor your candidate, or at least designate someone to support the candidate Sunday evening.

Help your candidate participate in follow-up Cursillo activities

- * Make sure he or she finds a group.
- * Bring your candidate to your next Ultreya.
- * Remind him or her to attend the next closing.

Your commitment to your candidate does not end when he or she completes the application, or even after the Cursillo Weekend. It is your responsibility to make sure your candidate feels welcomed at all Cursillo activities and is supported in his or her apostolic endeavors for at least a year.

Make a friend, Be friend, Bring a friend to Christ.