



Candidate Application for a Cursillo Weekend

What is the 'Cursillo'? (Short course in Christianity)

The Short Course in Christianity is a movement of Christian renewal that has its origins in a movement begun in Spain in 1949 by Bishop Juan Hervas and Dr. Eduardo Bonnin. Although it's quite different from a retreat, the Short Course in Christianity complements a retreat.

During the three days of the weekend, from Thursday evening to Sunday evening, people from all walks of life grow close to one another. Clergy and laity form a living, working Christian Community to gain a deep awareness of the treasures and responsibility of their faith. The Weekend gives those who make it a new understanding of Jesus Christ, the basic Christian truths, and the desire to serve the Church.

The Weekend is a blend of seriousness, light-heartedness, spiritual exercises, talks and discussions. The teachings of Christ are discussed within the atmosphere of joy and song. There are meditations and talks by clergy and laity and everyone making the weekend is urged to participate by taking notes, discussing, and even by making drawings that illustrate major points.

The Weekend ends at the close of the three days. However, the whole point of the movement is that ordinary people can steadily grow in the love and the service of God and humanity for the rest of their lives. Christian growth is not easy, but the Weekend provides a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards. In the Cursillo emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community from which springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world in which to live.

To learn more, please visit: www.jolietcursillo.org

Sponsors Instructions:

Have your candidate complete page 2, "CANDIDATE APPLICATION". As sponsor, you need to complete page 3, "SPONSOR'S INFORMATION SHEET" and page 4, "SPONSOR'S EVALUATION". Once all these pages are complete, have the candidate's Pastor complete page 5, "PASTOR'S EVALUATION AND APPROVAL".

Mail the completed pages 2, 3, 4 and 5 with a \$20 application fee to:

**Joliet Cursillo
PO Box 4247
Lisle, IL 60532**

If you have any questions, please email: precursillo@jolietcursillo.org or phone (630) 987-9093.

De Colores!
John Whitehouse,
Pre-Cursillo Chair – Joliet Cursillo

CANDIDATE APPLICATION (Please print!)

Name: _____ Weekend: _____ Age: _____

Parish and City: _____ Diocese (If not Joliet): _____

Your Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Married?/Spouse: _____

Telephone (preferred): _____ -Home -Cell -Work

Telephone (alternate): _____ -Home -Cell -Work

Email Address: _____

Has your spouse attended a Cursillo weekend? -Yes -No If so, what date? _____

If not, does your spouse plan to attend a future Weekend? _____

Place of Employment: _____

Please give a brief, frank statement as to why you wish to experience the Weekend: _____

(Please use back of page if necessary to answer the above question.)

What name would you like on your name tag? _____

Please indicate any and all physical limitations, special medical and/or dietary arrangements that you may need:

Please list your religious, civic, recreational activities, hobbies and/or any musical instruments you play: _____

Do you have any friends who have attended a Weekend? Please list their names. _____

Do you have any children at home? _____

Emergency contact (name and telephone): _____

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Note: a \$20.00 application fee is required with this application. Please return this application with the application fee to your sponsor and speak with him/her about the cost of the Weekend. In rare instances, space limitations at the facility may preclude your attendance on the forthcoming Weekend. However, you will be notified in advance that you have been accepted and we will keep you informed regarding subsequent Weekend dates as they are scheduled. Thank-you for your application!!

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION SHEET

CANDIDATE SELECTION

Those of us who are about to sponsor a candidate for a Cursillo weekend and for the Cursillo Movement must be aware of the task that we are committing ourselves to and the seriousness of our action. The following is a list of guidelines that should be used for selection of a future Cursillo candidate.

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

1. The candidate is or has the potential to be a leader.
2. The Candidate must be capable of action to Christianize his or her environments.
3. The candidate must be 18 years of age or older and must be mature enough to understand and follow through on his or her responsibilities to live the Christian life.
4. The Cursillo Movement holds in highest regard the Sacrament of Marriage and if participation in a Cursillo by one and not the other might have an adverse effect on that Sacrament, then we suggest some other form of individual spiritual renewal. Once you have determined that your candidate is married, it is suggested that you approach both together in preparation. If both are eligible, complete both applications and turn them in together. If no problems exist then either candidate may attend first.
5. The candidate must be a Roman Catholic and be able to receive the sacraments.
6. The primary responsibility of the sponsor begins after the candidate has attended the Weekend. The sponsor is responsible for follow-up and support of the Candidate by means of Group Reunions and Ultreyas.
7. The candidate should not be under any unusual stress. (Remember the weekend should not be used as a cure for marital or emotional problems or addictions to drugs or alcohol, since there is a risk of causing more harm than good. These matters require professional attention.)

CANDIDATE PREPARATION

1. Pray before contacting a possible candidate!
2. Do not be secretive. Answer honestly any questions the candidate has pertaining to the Movement or the weekend.
3. Explain the Cursillo to your candidate. (i.e. Group Reunion and Ultreya)
4. Invite your candidate to attend Group Reunion and Ultreya before the weekend if possible.
5. If your Candidate requests more information, consult our website: www.jolietcursillo.org and click the "Pre-Cursillo" tab to explore more literature which will describe the Cursillo Weekend and Movement.

SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

(The following are minimum responsibilities of a sponsor)

1. Bring your candidate to the Weekend or arrange for transportation for the candidate. (NOTE: Candidates should not drive to the Weekend alone.)
2. Submit a completed application along with the \$20 fee per instructions on page 1.
3. Attend the closing on Sunday evening and bring your candidate home.
3. Do palanca for your candidate, both prayer and written. Encourage your Group reunion and Cursillo community to write general palanca for the team and candidates.
4. Provide for assistance to family of candidate throughout the weekend in whatever is needed during absence of the spouse.
5. After the Weekend, introduce the candidate to Group Reunion and Ultreya and help him or her find a permanent Group Reunion. (Sponsor obligation here is for one year after Weekend.)
6. Assist the candidate in becoming part of the Cursillo community by attending Ultreya together. (Bring candidate for at least a year.)

I, _____ have read and fully understand my responsibilities as sponsor for this candidate.

DATE: _____

SPONSOR'S EVALUATION

After prayerful deliberation, I _____, agree to sponsor
_____ as a candidate for a Catholic Cursillo Weekend.

Sponsorship Checklist:

Are you participating currently in small group reunion? -Yes -No Where? _____

When and where did you make your Cursillo Weekend? _____

Do you attend Ultreyas? -Yes -No If so, which one(s) _____

How long have you known your candidate and what is your relationship to him/her? _____

Have you explained that the Weekend begins with a silent retreat with a preset schedule to follow? ----- -Yes -No

Has your candidate ever attended an Ultreya or a small group reunion? ----- -Yes -No

Have you used any other materials to explain about Cursillo? ----- -Yes -No

Do you know if your candidate has any serious emotional or mental problems, or addiction to alcohol or drugs? (If yes, please realize the Cursillo Weekend could be harmful to him/her.) ----- -Yes -No

Has your candidate lost a loved one or suffered other emotional trauma in the past year? ----- -Yes -No

Do you know if your candidate has any physical restrictions? ----- -Yes -No
(e.g. difficulty climbing stairs, walking, eating, prolonged sitting, hearing, vision, etc.)

Do you know if your candidate has any ongoing physical health problems? ----- -Yes -No

To your knowledge, is your Candidate able to receive the Sacraments at this time? ----- -Yes -No

Have you made transport arrangements to get your candidate to the Weekend and return him/her home on Sunday?
----- -Yes -No

Does your candidate's family need any special assistance during the Weekend? ----- -Yes -No

If the spouse has not attended a Weekend, did you discuss Cursillo with the spouse? ----- -Yes -No

Is the Spouse is Cursillista? ----- -Yes -No

By sponsoring this candidate you are agreeing to take the responsibility for up to one year in helping your candidate find a small group reunion and attend Ultreyas. Have you considered this? ----- -Yes -No

Please explain any answers above and/or any special needs your Candidate has (continue on back if necessary): _____

Sponsor: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Tel: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parish and City: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PASTOR'S EVALUATION AND APPROVAL
(CANDIDATE APPLICATION FOR A CURSILLO WEEKEND)

Candidate's Name: _____

Parish: _____

Does the Candidate belong to your Parish? -Yes -No

What is the extent of your contact with the Candidate? _____

Do you know of any reason this Candidate should not make a Cursillo? ----- -Yes -No

Do you know of any impediment to this person receiving the Sacraments? ----- -Yes -No

If yes, please explain: _____

Based on your review of the candidate's and the sponsor's form, do you have any additional comments?

For additional information or other comments please contact the Diocesan Spiritual Director, Fr. Matt Pratscher at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Joliet. Tel: (815) 609-8077 or email: fmatt@st-francis-xavier.com

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pastor's Questionnaire

Have you ever made a Cursillo Weekend? -Yes -No If so, what was the date? _____

Have you ever worked on a Cursillo team? ----- -Yes -No

Would you be interested in attending a Cursillo Weekend? ----- -Yes -No

Would you be available *on a limited basis* to help as Spiritual Director or Speaker on Cursillo Weekends? -Yes -No

Is there anyone else in your Parish you would recommend for a Cursillo Weekend? _____

Thanks for your support Father! The Joliet Cursillo Movement www.jolietcursillo.org