

A Quick Guide to explain Sponsorship

Make a Friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ....

Who in our personal environment should we seek to sponsor into the Cursillo Movement?

- Practicing Catholics
- Those who could benefit from a “jump start” in their journey with Christ
- Family, relatives, friends, fellow parishioners, co-workers, fellow committee members

Who should not be attending a weekend?

- Those needing to rejoin with the church (Catholics Returning Home...before they attend)
- Those who have serious personal issues in their life that need to be addressed beforehand (mourning a recent death, addictions, family crisis)
- Non-Catholics
- Someone who may not be ready based on rushing the process, physical issues or who are not inclined to participate
- **Why??** While we are not judging people in these circumstances the 3-day weekend experience is not a way to fix personal issues and may be counterproductive to team and other attendees.

What a sponsor is NOT?

- Primarily a way to transport a candidate to and from the weekend
- Just someone to fill out the paperwork and take the deposit

Where then does it begin?

- Everyday in how you live your Catholic Christian life
- Informal conversations at home, church, work, community
- Begin to befriend a person beyond the normal surface relationship
- Invite them to your Group Reunion or an Ultreya or even to Church or Adoration
- Gently share your Cursillo experience
- **Make a friend!!!**
- Share information on what Cursillo is and is not? This isn't a cult but online it sometimes is portrayed as such.
- Answer their questions on how it works
- Answer their questions on the cost of the weekend

What then is your primary responsibility?

- Touch base with them before the weekend...answer their questions
- Attend “Sponsor Night” to let the team know a little about the attendee beforehand
- Help with financial aid if money is an issue (contact the Rector(a) or a Secretariat member)
- Make sure the family has contact/emergency numbers
- Make sure the attendee knows what to bring and what not to bring
- Pray with and for them
- Participate in whatever the Team has planned for sponsors at check-in
- Come to Clausura to show your support...bring their family along, if possible
- **MAKE SURE YOU HELP THE NEW CURSILLISTA FIND AND ATTEND A GROUP REUNION** or
- Help them organize a new group if that is their desire
- Invite the new Cursillista to upcoming Ultreyas especially the one specific for the weekend
- Write them a note of encouragement after they have been back for a while
- Call them to see if they need any assistance or have follow-up questions
- Determine if they want to pursue leadership in the Charism (team, SOL, Secretariat)
- **Most of all, continue to share your faith and your friendship beyond the weekend!!!**