



VALLEY CURSILLO MOVEMENT
APPLICATION TO ATTEND A CURSILLO WEEKEND



CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION FORM

If you are interested in making a Cursillo Weekend, please complete the information fields below and deliver this form to your Sponsor, who will complete their portion of this form (reverse side) and forward it to the appropriate Pre-Cursillo Director, for approval and confirmation.

Date of Application: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
_____ **Postal Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell)

Marital Status: _____ **If married, Spouse's Name:** _____

Religious Denomination: _____ **Church & Parish:** _____ / _____

Pastor's Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Are there any conditions of health or diet with which assistance may be required during the weekend? If so, please specify: _____

It has been the practice of the local Cursillo community to "pay it forward", meaning that, the last Cursillo weekend participants pay for the Cursillo weekend that follows it. Should you be able to help in this practice, a suggested contribution of \$75.00 is recommended. Envelopes will be provided during the weekend for this purpose. The contribution is purely voluntary, and should not act as a deterrent, preventing you from attending the weekend.

Applicant's Signature: _____



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SPONSOR'S DECLARATION FORM

Upon completion of the "Candidate's Application Form", please complete the information below and forward both to the appropriate Pre-Cursillo Director.

Pre-Cursillo Director
Maureen Eagle Aalders
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Cambridge Station, NS B0P 1G0
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maalders@ns.sympatico.ca

Current Date: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
_____ **Postal Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **(Home);** _____ **(Work);** _____ **(Cell)**

Your friendship began in the year: _____

Why are you willing to sponsor this individual? _____

Have you read, "Responsibilities of a Sponsor", and agree with its' contents? _____

We don't bring people to Cursillo; we live the experience with them. Making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ, is truly living out our baptismal promise. It is not an obligation to undertake lightly, nor is it one that ends with the Cursillo weekend experience. The encounters with self, God, and others which the weekend facilitates, require a supportive and nurturing environment in which to develop and mature. By submitting this application you are agreeing to do all that you can to ensure the new Cursillista's Fourth Day will be one that has opportunities to become all that God has intended them to be.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SPONSOR

The selection of candidates is a very important part of the Cursillo Movement. One thing that all Cursillistas should be made aware of is that Cursillo is not for everyone, nor is it open to everyone. We are friendly to one another and those around us, but we don't invite everyone to attend Cursillo. Because of this policy we are accused of being an elite group, and justifiably so, for often we are found talking to others about Cursillo, instead of talking to others about the spirit behind it – Christ. Anything good we may have experienced on our weekend didn't come from Cursillo, but from someone allowing Christ to work through them. Therefore, let's proclaim Christ, not Cursillo.

If Cursillistas use their piety, study and actions, others will be reached. To even call ourselves a sponsor carries a great responsibility. The only meaning in the dictionary that comes close to the type of individual we are talking about, says that a sponsor is one who makes the required professions and promises for an infant at Baptism and becomes responsible for its religious training, such as a godfather or godmother. Well, the responsibility of sponsoring some for their involvement in the Cursillo movement does come close.

Before talking to anyone about going on a weekend we pray – pray that God will help us make the right choice of who to ask, and we pray that we might be worthy instruments to do His work. The method is based on authentic friendship. If the sponsor and candidate develop a true friendship the candidate will see Christ in the sponsor and want to be lead to Christ through this relationship.

When developing this friendship with someone who is married, we should make every effort to be a friend of the couple.

As was stated before, sponsors must be careful of whom they ask to go on a Cursillo. It must be kept in mind also that Cursillo is not a problem-solving weekend. Cursillo does not delve into marriage counselling, drug or alcohol problems, or psychiatry. Cursillo can and often does have a devastating effect on people suffering from these problems, not to mention the effect that a bad situation might have on the other candidates. Be a friend of, and love the person with the problem but love them enough to know that they don't need the emotional strain that they may encounter on a Cursillo weekend.

The Sponsor: A Time to Reflect and to Discern

If you can ask the following questions of yourself, and answer Yes to them all, you are ready to be a sponsor:

1. Am I ready to spend time praying for my friend from the time I discern the possibility of them becoming a Cursillistas and on into their 4th Day?
2. Am I willing to remain a good friend and to try to bring out the God-given gifts I have seen in my friend?
3. Does my friend desire to grow in his or her relationship with Christ?
4. Is this friend likely to be a person who will go out into their home, parish, and work environments and witness to the Gospel? If you can answer yes to this question what do we do?

If the answer to the above questions is "yes," then:

5. We introduce the idea of Cursillo to our friend and, with their permission; we submit a completed application on their behalf.
6. We provide with the application any additional information not required by the form but which might be of assistance to the Cursillo team. This could include such information as to the candidate's medical condition, and any dietary concerns the candidate might have.
7. We commit ourselves to supporting the candidate we have sponsored by:
 - 7.1. Maintaining contact up to the time of the Cursillo weekend;
 - 7.2. Arranging for transportation to and from the Cursillo weekend;
 - 7.3. Providing one piece of personal palanca for the candidate;
 - 7.4. Attending the closing to assist in welcoming our candidate to the community;
 - 7.5. Making sure our candidate has the opportunity to attend a group reunion with their sponsor;
 - 7.6. Keeping in contact after the Cursillo experience and assisting our the new cursillista in attending Ultreyas

The Candidate

There are some general things that can be said about the candidate that might be helpful.

1. The candidates come from a wide variety of backgrounds and occupations. They come from all walks of life.
2. The candidate may be married or single; if the candidate is married, it is strongly recommended (though not a requirement) that his or her spouse also be invited to a candidate for a Cursillo.
3. The candidate must be willing to accept that the Cursillo Movement is part of the Roman Catholic church and that the faith traditions and practices of that church will be the norm.

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you," (John 15:16)