



# Candidate Application

All information on this form will be kept confidential and will be used by the Youngstown Cursillo Center only to help us prepare your weekend.

Last Name		First Name		M.I.	Nickname for badge	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Address			City/State		Zip	
Phone	Alt/Cell Phone	Email (for Cursillo use only)		Parish/City		
Occupation		Birthdate	Level of Education: <input type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Trade school <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Post-grad			
Hobbies/Interests: _____ _____						
Community/Church Activities: _____ _____						
Do you play a musical instrument? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   Which instrument? _____						
Please indicate all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Priest <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Married (Spouse Name: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated If Married, is spouse Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   Has your spouse attended a Cursillo? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b><u>The Cursillo method strongly emphasizes full participation in the sacramental life of the Church.</u></b> Can you receive the sacraments? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   Can your spouse? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
Why do you wish to attend a Cursillo? _____ _____ _____						
<b>Has your sponsor explained Group Reunion, Ultreya and the 4th Day to you?   <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</b> A Cursillo Weekend is three very full days, programmed with many activities and opportunities for spiritual growth and community building. <b>If you have any adverse health conditions, or if you are taking any medications, discuss them openly with your sponsor and list them on the back of this application.</b> <b>Also, if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions, please list them on the back of this application.</b> <b><i>There is a <u>suggested</u> donation of \$75 for all Cursillo participants.</i></b> <small>(more accepted, less never turned down)</small>						
Candidate Signature _____				Date _____		
Sponsor(s) _____						
Parish Representative Signature _____						

# Sponsor Confidential Form

**MUST ACCOMPANY CANDIDATE APPLICATION\***

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known him/her? \_\_\_\_\_ years

What environment(s) do you share? \_\_\_\_\_

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| • Have you brought your candidate to your Group Reunion or to Ultreya?  | Yes | No |
| • Have you explained to your candidate the Cursillo movement and the expectations of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Day? | Yes | No |
| • Do you recommend your candidate as table secretary?   | Yes | No |

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**As a sponsor\*\*, it is very important that you know your candidate.  
Talk to God about your candidate BEFORE you talk to your candidate about God.**

Because this is an intense, emotional experience, we urge you to consider any serious issues in your candidate's life, and suggest that your candidate waits at least two years have passed if he/she has recently experienced the following:

- **separation or divorce**
- **death in their immediate family**
- **treatment of any kind for emotional or mental illness**
- **rehabilitation or recovery programs for drug, alcohol or other behavioral addiction**
- **serious legal troubles**

Has your candidate experienced any issues as listed above within the past two years?    Yes    No  
*If yes, explain on the back of this form, or on a separate sheet of paper. Please list any physical conditions as well.*

**Sponsors, please discuss these issues with the Youngstown Cursillo Center's Spiritual Director and his/her parish priest before inviting this candidate to participate in a weekend.**

**SPONSORS ARE OBLIGATED TO ASSIST WITH THESE ISSUE(S) DURING AND AFTER THE WEEKEND IF NECESSARY.**

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**To the best of my knowledge, this candidate should be able to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and/or Eucharist.**

**Parish Priest Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

As a Sponsor, your duties include:

- Reading the sponsor guidelines.
- Providing transportation to and from the weekend for your candidate.
- If candidate's spouse is non-Catholic, inviting the spouse to participate in all community activities surrounding the weekend.
- Contacting and encouraging relatives and friends of your candidate who are Cursillistas to participate in all community activities surrounding the weekend.
- Providing Palanca for your candidate and the rest of the candidates, the team and the Cursillo community before, during and after the weekend.
- Bringing your candidate to post-weekend Ultreyas and to the Post-Cursillo Seminar.
- Staying in touch with your candidate.

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cursillo Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese \_\_\_\_\_ Year (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

*\*This form is to be filled out by the SPONSOR ONLY. Do not give to your candidate to fill out.*

*\*\*We suggest that you are an active Cursillista for at least one year before sponsoring a candidate. See sponsor guidelines for more details.*

## YOUNGSTOWN CURSILLO SPONSOR GUIDELINES

The Cursillo is a method for living, sharing and spreading Christianity. For this method to be effective, there are specific requirements that must be met. Therefore, sponsorship is a serious responsibility. Before you fill out an application, consider these two questions:

1. Will my candidate both benefit from the weekend AND be faithful to the expectations of the Fourth Day?
2. Is my candidate capable of and likely to use the tools of Group Reunion, Ultreya and spiritual direction to persevere in his or her Fourth Day?

In selecting a candidate, seek out individuals who would exert a positive influence in their environments. The ideal candidate isn't *necessarily* active in his or her parish already. Consider potential candidates who express a deep desire and hunger for spiritual growth and contentment, and who are currently living their Catholic faith to the best of their ability.

*Other guidelines to follow when selecting a candidate:*

If you have been an active Cursillista for less than one year, please ask either your sponsor or an experienced Cursillista to co-sponsor your candidate.

Obtain permission from Pre-Cursillo chairperson and/or Lay Director to sponsor more than two candidates for the same weekend.

Seek out the advice of the Youngstown Cursillo Center's Spiritual Director and/or candidate's Parish Priest inviting your candidate if he or she has experienced within the last two years any of the following:

- divorce or separation
- death in the immediate family
- treatment of any kind for emotional or mental issues
- rehabilitation or a recovery program for drug, alcohol or other behavioral addiction
- serious legal troubles

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*As a sponsor, your responsibilities before, during and after the Cursillo are as follows:*

- Explain the Cursillo as a short course in Christianity, and also explain the expectations of the Fourth Day.
- Bring your candidate to your Group Reunion or to Ultreya prior to the weekend.
- Explain to your candidate that the \$75 cost is a suggested donation and should not be a deterrent.
- Complete the application with your candidate. do not hand the application to your candidate to fill out and mail in. Complete the Sponsor Confidential Sheet on your own. Submit both forms to your Parish Representative. If at all possible, fill out both spouse applications simultaneously for all married candidates.
- Provide transportation for your candidate to and from Cursillo. This is very important, as your candidate will be tired at the end of his/her weekend. NOTE: If you are on the team and sponsoring a candidate, arrange for someone to drive your candidate to and from the weekend.
- Avail yourself to your candidate's family for church, shopping, meals, babysitting, or any other personal needs. If your candidate has few or no outside needs, be sure to be there to help during the weekend.
- If your candidate's spouse is not Catholic, it is your responsibility to invite him or her to participate in all community activities surrounding the weekend.
- After the weekend, accompany your candidate to the post-Cursillo seminar and to Ultreya.
- Be available to answer any and all questions regarding the Cursillo Movement that your candidate may have.
- Help your candidate utilize the Cursillo tools to persevere in his or her environment.