



Sponsor's Guidelines

A Personal Checklist

Responsible, effective sponsoring is essential for the strength and growth of the Cursillo Community. Too often it is regarded as a burden, when in fact it is a wonderful opportunity for apostolic action. Sponsorship can be a joyful experience—a chance to Godparent another Christian openly and lovingly. The following are some points which can be prayerfully considered before sponsoring someone:

Prepare Yourself

Before you talk to a friend about God, talk to God about your friend. Pray about sponsorship. Are you called to sponsor and if so **WHO?**

Study and familiarize yourself with enough Cursillo material that you can speak about it intelligently, with enthusiasm, and answer any questions that potential candidates might have.

How you are living your Fourth Day is a witness to your friend. Is it the witness you want it to be?

Get to know the person you are sponsoring. You should know your candidate well enough to say ‘the Cursillo weekend will not cause problems for him/her.’”

Palanca before, during, and after the weekend is a responsibility of the sponsor. Can you fulfill this responsibility?

Preparing Your Candidate

Make sure your candidate really wants to attend the weekend. He or she should not be going just to please a spouse or you.

Tell your candidate that there is the opportunity for renewed commitment to Christ on the weekend. You should be able to talk to your candidate about your own faith journey.

You can tell your candidate a great deal about what happens on the weekend without giving away the special surprises. Your candidate should not be deceived or coerced into attending the Cursillo weekend in any way.

Follow-up After the Weekend

Your responsibilities as a sponsor extends into the Fourth Day and includes helping your candidate find a Group Reunion, attend a Fourth Day workshop and attend Ultreyas.

After the intense experience of the weekend, you can help your candidate by being there to listen, encourage, pray for them, celebrate and share your faith journeys together.

If you are not prepared to spend such time and effort with a candidate, perhaps this is not the right time for you to consider sponsoring one. Remember that everything happens in God's time, and that this “unpreparedness” does not signal failure on your part to be an effective witness for Christ.