

What is a Sponsor?

A sponsor is a member of a Cursillo Community who invites someone else to become part of this renewal movement within the Church. The sponsor provides support for the person—first as a candidate, then as a new Cursillista—until he or she is comfortably and firmly established in a renewal group. *See the inside of this brochure for a list of sponsor duties.*

Who may be a candidate?

Cursillo is open to all adult Episcopalian men and women, married or single. Laity and clergy alike are invited to join the fellowship. Couples may attend the same Cursillo Weekend, or they may go on different weekends.

For couples, a sponsor should highly recommend that both attend at the same time because Cursillo is an experience that is intended to be shared. It is NOT, however, obligatory for both to attend. The minimum age for making a Cursillo is 21 years.

Cursillo is NOT intended to provide treatment for personal problems or marital difficulties. If the person you wish to sponsor has had any recent significant personal, physical, or financial crises, it may be inadvisable to sponsor the person at this time. Wait until those difficulties have been resolved and/or some time has elapsed.

Questions?

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Cursillo Sponsor Information



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Duties of a Sponsor

Sponsoring a candidate is both an opportunity and a responsibility.

Pre-Cursillo

1. Submit Application:
 - Obtain *Cursillo Candidate Application Form* from
 - the Minnesota Episcopal Cursillo website at www.MNCursillo.org,
 - your church Cursillo coordinator
 - contact the Minnesota Cursillo Office (952)929-2952
 - e-mail a request to MNCursillo@kmtel.com
 - Have each candidate complete a form and attach the fee as indicated on the form.
 - Complete the sponsor section of the application form.
 - Deliver application and fee to candidate's clergy to be completed and mailed.
 - **You and your candidate will receive additional correspondence from the weekend rector/rectora. ??????????**

2. Make sure each candidate has a copy of the brochure—*What is Cursillo?* Talk to the Candidate(s) about the weekend in a general way. Explain the week-end format, a little about the progression, other candidates who might be there, what to bring to the weekend, or anything else that you feel will relieve their anxieties. Answer all questions as honestly as possible. *There are no secrets in Cursillo.*
3. Arrange transportation to the Cursillo Weekend for your candidate.
4. Provide a mug and songbook for your candidate.

During the Cursillo Weekend

1. Provide palanca in the form of sacrifices, donation of time and money, or tangible gifts. *Note:* Only palanca sufficient for at least all candidates and Rollo Room team will be given out during the weekend. Individual palanca will be put in their Fourth Day bags to take home Sunday night.
2. Participate in the Sunday morning serenade (Mananitis) if permitted to do so and any other scheduled serenades.
3. Participate in the Clausura.

4. Be a companion and a comfort to your candidate at the reception following the Clausura.
5. Take your candidate home.

Post-Cursillo

1. Contact your candidate immediately after the weekend to let them talk about their experience. Do this in person if possible.
2. Make certain that your candidate becomes involved in a Reunion/Renewal Meeting (small group gathering). *This is an important function of the sponsor.* Go with them to the group if necessary to get them started. If they cannot find one, bring them into your group or assist them in forming a new group.
3. Assist them in other areas such as prayer, Bible Study, increased church participation, attending Ultreyas, and working on a future Cursillo team.
4. Bring your candidate to the Ultreya after their Cursillo week-end.
5. Follow up with them on a regular basis for at least a year after the Cursillo.