

# Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama Cursillo Three Day Weekend Application

## **Sponsor Instructions:**

**When sponsoring a Candidate, remember: MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST.**

Sponsorship of a candidate is one of the most important contributions a Cursillista can make to the Movement. It is an action that should only be entered into after thorough and prayerful consideration.

**Remember to talk to God about the Candidate before you talk to the Candidate about God.**

One of the primary factors to consider regarding sponsorship is whether YOU are an active member of a Group Reunion. Since the Sponsor declares an intention to guide the new Cursillista for a year after they have attended a Three Day weekend, the support of an active Group Reunion is essential. In addition, to ensure that a new Cursillista is given the support of the entire community, participation in Ultreya and the School of Leaders should be strongly encouraged as well, keeping in mind that there is nothing more powerful than the personal example of someone who is living out the Fourth Day.

If you are currently not grouping, seek out the assistance of active Cursillista(s) to assist you in sponsoring as well as grouping with your candidate.

The following guidelines should help you in your selection of a suitable candidate.

### **A Candidate:**

1. Must be eligible to receive the Sacraments.
2. Should be emotionally stable
3. Should have time to participate in Post Cursillo activities--Group Reunions, Ultreya, as well as other Fourth Day Activities.
4. Should be, or has the potential to be, a Christian leader within their day-to-day environment(s).

Keep in mind that whenever possible, couples should also be encouraged to apply *together*, and that the Three Day weekend should be fully explained, but with an emphasis upon Fourth Day Activities. Also, *please* do not make any commitments to a prospective Candidate regarding making a weekend on a specific date(s) as this will avoid any possible disappointments. Finally, always remember that as a Sponsor your primary responsibility is to help prepare a candidate for perennial living out of the Cursillo in the Postcursillo.

Once a Candidate has returned the Candidate application to you, it is YOUR Responsibility to fill out the Sponsor application as well as obtain the Pastor/Parish Administrator's Recommendation and Signature before mailing the *complete* candidate packet (consisting of the Candidate Application with deposit, Sponsor Form, and *signed* Pastor Recommendation Form) to the address listed below.

*Mail Completed Three Day Weekend Application Packet to:*

Birmingham Cursillo  
ATTN: Pre Cursillo Chair  
P.O. Box 1308  
Cullman, AL 35055-1308

Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama  
Cursillo Three Day Weekend Application

Candidate Application

Name (Last, first, MI)		Preferred Name:		Age:	
Address:					
City:		State		Zip Code	
Home Phone w/area code		Work Phone w/area code		Mobile Phone w/area code	
Best # to use--Home, Work, or Mobile?			E-mail Address:		
Occupation		Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced
Are you a practicing Catholic able to receive the sacraments? Yes                      No			Parish (include city)		
Name of spouse: Is spouse Catholic?      Yes                      No Married in the Church?    Yes                      No			Has spouse made a Cursillo weekend or considering making one?    Yes                      No If yes, where and when?		
What activities are you involved with in your parish? Briefly summarize or list					
Reading the "The Cursillo Movement, What is it?" is mandatory before participation in the weekend. (It is a small purple booklet—a copy is available from your sponsor or can be read under the "Precursillo" tab at <a href="http://www.cursillo.org/birmingham">www.cursillo.org/birmingham</a> )					
Have you read this booklet?				Yes	No
Has the Group Reunion and Ultreya been explained to you by your sponsor?				Yes	No
Do you have any health or dietary needs that require special attention during the weekend? Yes                      No			If yes, explain:		
Why do you want to attend the 3 Day Cursillo weekend and how do you think it will benefit you?					
Emergency Contact Information Name                      Relationship			Daytime # with area code: Evening # with area code:		
Name of person sponsoring you for the 3 Day weekend:					
A non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00 is due with each application. An additional fee of \$175.00 will be requested to cover the costs of the weekend. (This amount can be paid now or at the time of attending the weekend.) No application will be denied due to an inability to pay. Please make checks payable to: "Birmingham Cursillo Movement" and return with your application					
Signature			Date		
<b>For Cursillo Registrar Use Only</b>					
Men:      Spring                      Fall		Date Received		Amount Enclosed \$	
Women:    Spring                      Fall					



