

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: Lucy Arnold
2744 Aspen Lake Rd
Helena, AL 35022

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Cursillo Three Day Weekend Application

Candidate Information Sheet

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		Has spouse made a Cursillo weekend? Yes No If yes, where and when?			
What activities are you involved with in your parish or community? Briefly summarize or list.					
Reading the "The Cursillo Movement, What is it?" is mandatory before participation in the weekend. (It is a small pink booklet—a copy is available from your sponsor or can be read under the "Precursillo" tab at www.cursillo.org/birmingham)					
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			Daytime # with area code:		
Name		Relationship		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 \$225.00 will be requested to cover the costs of the weekend. (This amount can be paid now or anytime up to 2 weeks prior to the weekend.) No application will be denied due to an inability to pay. If you need payment assistance, please let your sponsor know so that strictly confidential arrangements may be made. Make checks payable to: "Birmingham Cursillo Movement" and return with your application.					
Signature			Date		
For Cursillo Registrar Use Only					
Men: Spring Fall		Date Received			
Women: Spring Fall		Amount Enclosed \$			

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Pastor/Administrator Approval

Name of Candidate _____ Parish _____

Name of Sponsor _____ Sponsor's Phone Number _____

The 3 Day Cursillo Weekend is intended for those Catholics who are seeking to more fully live out their baptismal promises to know, love and serve the Lord. Each candidate must be eligible to receive the Sacraments, be living their lives in accordance with the teachings of the Church, have no emotional or psychological issues, and are/have the potential to be a Christian leader in their day-to-day environment(s).

Is the candidate a member of your Parish? Yes No

Do you approve of this candidate attending a Cursillo Weekend? Yes No

Are there any serious emotional experiences (i.e. death in family, serious illness, divorce, job loss, etc) that the candidate has recently had that might affect or interfere with participation in the weekend?

Additional Pastor/Administrator Comments

THANK YOU very much for helping with the responsibility of candidate selection.

Pastor/Administrator
Signature _____ Date _____

Would you be willing to consider the possibility of serving as a Spiritual Advisor on a Cursillo Weekend?
If so, at what phone number/email can you be reached? _____