Oakland Diocese Cursillo Community

CANDIDATE / SPONSOR APPLICATION

*Send **signed** Form to:* **Secretariat Oakland Cursillo**
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PLEASE TYPE ONLY AND INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESS

The Cursillo community is dedicated to the proposition that a deep spiritual life in union with God is possible for lay Christians. It aims to help lay Christians experience that life by connecting with a spiritual community and following a program of spiritual and educational practices. The Cursillo weekend consists of sacramental liturgies, prayer and meditations, as well as lectures and small group discussions.

The Cursillo community encourages commitment to Christ. Baptized Christians looking to grow closer to Christ may apply. Applicants typically will be over the age of 25 (although persons under this age are considered carefully), and should not be involved in serious personal, marital or family problems.

The Cursillo community of Oakland was founded by Roman Catholics and primarily recruits from that denomination. Applicants from other Christian communities are welcome to apply, but all applicants should be willing to participate in all of the spiritual and educational practices and understand that they will be asked to contribute their own faith experiences and insights to the discussions.

Men and women's Cursillo weekends are typically scheduled close together to encourage married couples to share this experience. Married applicants should submit their application forms together, if possible.

DATE:_____ CANDIDATE NAME:_____ Preferred Name_____

ADDRESS:_____ CITY:_____ ZIP:_____

CELL PHONE:_____

EMAIL ADDRESS:_____ YEAR OF BIRTH:_____

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION:_____ BAPTIZED: Yes___ No___

PARISH or CHURCH NAME:_____ CITY:_____

Marital Status: Single___ Married___ Separated___ Divorced___ Widowed___ *How long?*_____

ALLERGIES (Food, Flowers Perfumes, etc.):_____ **DO YOU USE A CPAP?:** Yes___ No___

MEDICAL & DIETARY NEEDS:_____

What is your Church/Community involvement? _____

(Candidate) **IS YOUR SPOUSE PLANNING TO MAKE A CURSILLO WEEKEND? Yes___ No___**

EMERGENCY CONTACT:_____ EMERGENCY NUMBER:_____

_____ _____ _____

Signature of CANDIDATE ***NAME of Sponsor*** ***Signature of SPONSOR***

CURSILLO SPONSOR APPLICATION

SPONSOR NAME:_____ NAME OF YOUR CANDIATE_____

YOUR ADDRESS:_____ CELL #:_____

CITY:_____ ZIP:_____ EMAIL ADDRESS:_____

Where do you attend church?_____ Where and when did you make your Cursillo weekend?:

_____ Are you active in a Group Reunion? Y___ N___

How long have you known this candidate?_____ Relationship:_____

Why is this person a good candidate and why do you recommend them?_____

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How have you planned to introduce your candidate to the Cursillo community?_____

Have you discussed medical, dietary and physical needs with your candidate? Y___ N___

Does candidate have physical impairment or require special arrangements? Y___ N___ If "yes" explain_____

As a sponsor, you are required to attend a 15 minute sponsor workshop. You will be contacted of when and how this meeting will be conducted; in person or over the phone.

How will your candidate get to the Cursillo weekend?_____

I have informed this candidate about what to expect during and after the Cursillo weekend and they are willing to participate in the activities. I have made provisions for their introduction to their local Cursillo community. I will provide transportation to and from the Cursillo weekend and will support their spouse and family during their absence. I have informed my applicant of the cost of the weekend. **Please initial**_____

CLERGY FORM:

A Cursillo weekend involves individual reflection on the relationship between Christian faith and daily life. As a result, we want to be sensitive to on-going pastoral issues. How long have you known the candidate?_____ Is there anything happening in this person's life that would be helpful for the Spiritual Advisor(s) of the weekend to know about? Y___ N___ If "yes" explain_____

Have you attended a Cursillo weekend? Y___ N___ Where?_____When?_____ Worked a weekend? Y___ N___ Been a Cursillo Weekend Spiritual Advisor? Y___ N___ Is there an active Cursillo community in your parish? Y___ N___ Does your parish have a Cursillo Rep? Y___ N___ If so, please provide us their NAME _____ and email:_____

Do you recommend this candidate for a Cursillo Weekend? Y☐ N☐

CLERGY NAME:_____ PARISH:_____

PHONE NUMBER:_____ EMAIL:_____

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Signature of CLERGY

FOR PRE-CURSILLO WEEKEND COMMITTEE: Date Received_____ Date Approved_____

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SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

First and foremost, it is the sponsor's responsibility to discern the candidate's readiness for a Cursillo Weekend. Cursillo is a call to lay leadership. Is your potential candidate curious about searching, discovering and growing in faith? Will the candidate be open to the present moments of the weekend? Honest about their spiritual journey? If so, is the candidate in a good place emotionally? If the candidate is in a time of stress or turmoil, it may not be the right time to make a weekend.

As a sponsor, you have several responsibilities:

Prior to the weekend:
Prepare the candidate for the weekend by explaining the basic format. No need to share everything, but the candidate should know that there is a series of talks on various spiritual topics, prayer services that are uniquely Catholic, and that sacraments will be offered on the weekend. Non-Catholics must understand that it is a Catholic weekend. Non-Catholics are entirely welcome on the Oakland Diocesan Cursillo weekends, but an Anglican weekend can be offered to the non-Catholics. Make sure that the candidate fills out an application, pointing out the need to include health and diet restrictions. Make sure that you fill out the sponsor form, have a member of the clergy sign it and get it to the Pre-Cursillo committee. The applicant's form also needs to be signed by clergy. Both forms need to be returned together. Please follow up! Don't let the form get lost on someone's desk! Make sure that the candidate understands the dates and times, including fourth day. When the candidate receives the letter of acceptance with the list of items to bring, go over it with the candidate to make sure that everything is clear. In the foreseeable future candidates will be sleeping on airbeds on the floor. This must be understood so that it won't be a surprise or a hardship for the candidate. Find out if the site of the weekend has any particular 'problems' that might be a physical challenge for your candidate.

On the weekend:
Provide transportation to the weekend and stay with your candidate, helping to check-in, choose a bed and keeping them company during the short time of fellowship before the rector or rectora calls for the weekend to officially begin. Be available to the family of your candidate if they should need support during the weekend. Attend Mananitas if possible. If the candidate is married, make sure that the spouse is invited to the closing mass. Help them with transportation to the closing mass if needed. Make sure your candidates knows about any welcome back/homecoming get-together at their parish or yours after the closing mass or on a different date. Attend the closing mass and provide transportation home to your candidate/new Cursillista.

After the weekend: Attend fourth day with your candidate. Help your candidate to find or start a group reunion. The continuing experience of grouping is known to be vital to keep the Cursillo spirit alive. This is a major responsibility of the sponsor.

Always: Pray for your candidate