

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

Cursillo Weekend Section  
c/o Mary Bransfield  
57 Lafayette Avenue  
Maywood, NJ 07607

### **CANDIDATE APPLICATION PACKET**

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#### **Introduction**

The Cursillo Movement is an instrument of Christian Renewal. Its purpose is to train men and women of faith to be effective apostles of Jesus Christ, willing to try to re-Christianize and revitalize the environments in which they live. Jesus selected twelve good men as His Apostles and they had a tremendous impact on the world. With intelligent and prayerful selection of good men and women in today's world, the Cursillo Movement can continue the work of those Apostles.

#### **Sponsorship**

The commitment to be a Cursillo Sponsor is an important one, and we ask you to take it seriously. In order to provide support to a Candidate, a Cursillo Sponsor must personally be living the Fourth Day following the Cursillo method. Pray about your decision to invite someone you know to make a Cursillo, and ask the prayers and advice of other Cursillistas and a Cursillo priest whenever possible. When you approach someone with an invitation to Cursillo, be open and truthful in your explanation of what Cursillo is, though we do ask that you not discuss Palanca or the Closing.

#### ***Duties and Responsibilities of Sponsors***

1. Process and submit all three parts of the application;
2. Maintain frequent contact with your Candidate in the period preceding the Weekend;
3. Arrange for Palanca from your Cursillo community;
4. Arrange for the Candidate's Thursday evening transportation to the Carmel Retreat Center, 1071 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430.
5. Arrange for the Candidate's Sunday afternoon pick-up at the Cursillo Closing taking place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 25 Purdue Ave., Oakland, NJ 07436.
6. Arrange for a Homecoming after the Closing;
7. Meet with the new Cursillista for at least 4 months following the Weekend, ensuring that the Cursillista is established in a Friendship Group Reunion.

### ***Selection Criteria for Candidates***

1. **Catholics** between the ages of 23 and 75 who exhibit leadership qualities and are capable of and wanting to live a holy and apostolic life.
2. Emotionally and physically sound.
3. If married, it is important that both spouses plan to make a Cursillo; it is suggested that the husband attend first.

When discerning whom to invite to make a Cursillo weekend, please keep in mind what Cursillo is not:

- It is NOT just a weekend experience.
- It is not for someone who is looking for a retreat.
- It is not group therapy for emotional problems.\*
- It is not a cure-all for personal problems.\*

\*Out of love for and fairness to those having problems, they should be referred to people with the proper training. Whom to sponsor should always be a result of discerning prayer.

If your Candidate does not meet the requirements for acceptance, recommend an alternative which will contribute to spiritual growth, and continue to love and support them.

### ***Finances***

A \$25 non-refundable deposit must be submitted with the application so that a reservation may be made for your Candidate. The total cost of the Weekend is \$200 (including the deposit). This cost covers lodging, meals and all materials. The cost of the Weekend is indicated on the Candidate's portion of this Application. As a Sponsor, you are asked to coordinate the mailing of the Candidate's \$25 Application fee / Security deposit, along with the completed three-part application, to the Archdiocese of Newark Weekend Coordinator listed below. The deadline for receipt of the Candidate's three-part application and the Application fee / Security deposit is no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the Weekend.

### ***Please return completed applications to:***

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**CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM**

(Applicants should be between the ages of 23 and 75)

The Cursillo movement is an instrument of the Catholic Church for the revitalization of Christian life. For the people in the movement, it involves a restructuring of our lives through an ongoing program of sharing. The three day weekend is an introduction to a means of growing and persevering in our faith. It offers an ongoing program of support, with the help of a Christian community, which enables us to be more effective apostles in our home, at work and among friends. In making this application to attend the Cursillo, we ask you to prayerfully consider your purpose in attending. We ask only for the commitment to the weekend; however, it is important that you be open to this experience and to participation in the follow-up program. This is an application ONLY; you will be notified upon acceptance.

*Please print:*

Candidate's Name:		
Street Address		
City:	State:	Zip
Phone	Occupation:	
E-mail address:		
Parish:	Religion:	
Age:	Marital Status:	No. of Children:
If married, has spouse made a Cursillo? ( Y / N)	When?:	
Do you have any of the following:		
Dietary Problems? Yes / No	Heart Condition: Yes / No	
Other Physical Impairments: Yes / No If Yes, please describe:		
If you are an expectant mother, please indicate due date (      ) (Expectant mothers must present written permission from doctor)		
Special Considerations:		

List membership in any apostolic, religious or secular organizations and any offices held		
Why do you want to make a Cursillo?		
Have you attended any Cursillo functions? Yes / No If Yes, what kind and where?		
Have you been told that the Cursillo weekend is to prepare you for the post Cursillo period called the 4th Day? Yes / No		
Name of Sponsor	Tel. No.:	
Street Address:		
City:	State	Zip
Parish:		
Date of Cursillo you wish to attend:		
1st Choice	2nd Choice:	

Cursillo Weekend cost: \$25 Application fee + \$175 Weekend fee = \$200 total.

The cost of the Weekend covers lodging, meals and all materials. Cursillo Weekends begin at 7:00 p.m. on a Thursday and conclude at the end of the following Sunday afternoon. Full payment is required upon arrival. The Application fee is requested up-front. The deadline for the receipt of the Application fee by the Weekend Coordinator is 2 weeks prior to the start of the Cursillo Weekend. Please coordinate with your Sponsor in the mailing of the Application fee and, if you like, full payment, to the Archdiocese of Newark Cursillo Weekend Coordinator. Please speak to your Sponsor for information on payment details upon completion of this Application and submission of it to them. Make checks payable to "Cursillo".

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPONSOR FORM**

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*Please Print:*

Candidate's Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone	Parish:	
E-mail address:		
Sponsor's Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone	Parish	
E-mail address:		
Year you made Cursillo	Are you in Group Reunion?    Yes / No	
Do you attend Ultreyas?    Yes / No	Is there an active Cursillo group in your parish?    Yes / No	
Does your parish have regular Ultreya? Yes / No	Have you explained the 4th Day to the Candidate?    Yes / No	
Will you and the Candidate be willing to work at the full 4th Day method for at least 4 months following the weekend?    Yes / No		

Why do you think this Candidate should make a Cursillo?

How well do you know the Candidate? (Please be specific):

Are there any noteworthy health or medical problems in his or her immediate family? Yes / No

If Yes, please describe:

Has he or she ever suffered from a psychological or emotional condition? Yes / No

If yes, when?

Please describe:

Do you think the Candidate would be a good Table Leader? Yes / No Secretary? Yes / No

Circle the characteristics which best describe this Candidate:

Extrovert    Introvert    Leader    Follower    Talkative    Quiet    Serious    Happy-go-lucky

Other (please describe):

Sponsor's Signature:

Date:

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PRIEST SPONSOR FORM

*Please Print*

Candidate's Name:	
Candidate's Parish:	
Priest's Name:	Parish:
Do you know the candidate personally? Yes / No	
How long have you known the candidate and how well?	
Why do you think he/she should experience Cursillo?	
Are you aware of any emotional or physical problems? Yes / No If yes, please explain:	
Is there an active Cursillo Community in your parish? Yes / No	
Have you made Cursillo? Yes / No	If yes, what year:
Have you ever served as a Spiritual Director on a team? Yes / No	
Would you be interested in serving as a Spiritual Director on a team? Yes / No	
Priest's Signature:	Date: