

NOTES FOR SPONSORS

PRAYER is essential at all stages.

Sponsorship requires THOUGHT (one's mind) LOVE (one's heart) and TIME. It should not be undertaken lightly.

Sponsors

Sponsors should;

- Know the goal of Cursillo;(to empower and equip Christians to be a better witnesses for Christ)
- Be familiar with who should and should not make Cursillo;
- Know the candidate well and support him and her at every stage;
- Be an authentic witness to the Christian life, and be active in the Fourth Day, utilizing the method of Group Reunions and Ultreya.
- Take responsibility for incorporating the new cursillista in a Fourth Day community, inc .Group Reunion and Ultreya.
- Help with practical, family needs connected with attendance at a weekend, e.g. provide transport to the venue, help with school runs, feeding pets etc.
- Not sponsor more than one person or married couple per weekend and no more than 2 people or married couples per year- this will ensure sufficient time may be given to prepare each candidate.

Sponsors should be open and honest with prospective candidates, ensuring that all aspects of Cursillo, including the individual's responsibilities, are clearly understood. Incorporating a prospective candidate into a Group Reunion and Ultreya before a weekend is often considered the best preparation.

Finally, of course, sponsors should pray about a candidate BEFORE inviting him or her to make a Cursillo, and constantly before, during and after the Weekend.

Sponsors are requested to support the pilgrim with prayer and palanca during their first week at home following the weekend.

*If a sponsor has been asked to support a prospective candidate who is not known/well known, the sponsor should make contact with them and befriend them as soon as possible, being prepared to give the time that will be necessary in order for both to discern the way forward. This should be done in liaison with the Diocesan Secretariat.

Candidate Selection

Among the people who might be able to *attend* a Cursillo, not all will want to *make one*- only some will be able to hear the call of apostleship and respond with conviction and vigour.

Those who *should* make Cursillo are persons who:

- Are baptised and are a communicant members of the Anglican/ Scottish Episcopal Church: (non-Anglicans should be referred to their own 4th Day movements-secretariats have contact details)
- Are open and willing to participate in the Fourth Day;
- Are already living and deepening their Christian life;
- Have potential to influence their environments;
- Have the ability to participate in communal activity;
- Have access to an active Cursillo community;

Those who should *not* make Cursillo are those who:

- Are going through a personal crisis
- Are seeking the Weekend experience as an end in itself;
- Have difficulty living and working in a community situation;
- Cannot, for any number of reasons, make a commitment to continue in the Fourth Day