**Information the Sponsor should be aware of:**

The only requirement for candidates is that they be Roman Catholic and are able to receive the Sacraments of the Church. Sponsors should also consider candidates for strength of character, maturity, an open mind, an ability to listen, friendship, and willingness to change. Candidates should be emotionally healthy and seeking a deeper spiritual life. The Cursillo weekend is not designed to be a cure-all nor a reformatory for those experiencing personal problems. Prayer is an important part of sponsorship and sponsors should pray for candidates before, during and after the Cursillo weekend. Sponsors are also expected to:

**Explain the Cursillo weekend**

 -Answer ALL questions that your candidate might have. You cannot tell him/her too much.

 -Explain what the facility at the Center is like.

-Explain dress for the weekend is casual, with most people dressing up more on Sunday.

**Make sure the weekend application is totally completed**

 -Go over the application form with your candidate. Ask him or her to fill out the Applicant section, sign it, and return it to you.

- Ask the candidate’s pastor to complete the Pastor section, including his signature. Be prepared to explain the Cursillo weekend to clergymen not familiar with the program.

 -Complete the Sponsor section, sign it and attach the sponsor fee (if applicable). Return the form and fee to the Pre-Cursillo Chairperson. Please do not turn in an incomplete form to “hold a spot.” Incomplete forms will be returned to the sponsor.

 -The total cost of the weekend is $150.00. However, no qualified candidate will be turned away for lack of a donation.

**Always keep in close contact with your Candidate before the weekend.**

- Make sure he or she has transportation to and from where the Cursillo will be celebrated. If you cannot transport the candidate yourself, try to pair him or her up with another candidate. --Please make every effort to make sure the candidate has another person to ride with.

 -Try to ease any fears or anxiety that the candidate might have before, especially the week before the weekend and if a spouse has attended shortly before.

- Make certain that a candidate’s family is informed and knows the candidate will probably return rather late on Sunday. You may want to contact the candidate’s family during the weekend as well.

**Support your candidate during the weekend.**

- Do palanca for your candidate and write a letter.

 -Make sure that the envelope containing your letter has SPONSOR noted on it.

 -Encourage family members that have made a weekend to write the candidate. They should note FAMILY on their envelope.

- Attend the Sunday closing. Remember that your candidate will be looking for you at the closing. If you cannot make the closing you might consider finding someone else to sponsor your candidate, or at least designate someone to support the candidate on Sunday evening.

**Help your candidate participate in follow**-**up Cursillo activities**

 -Bring your candidate to your next Ultreya.

 -Remind him or her to attend the next closing.

- Assist and make sure he or she finds a group.

Your commitment to your candidate does not end when he or she completes the application, or even after the Cursillo weekend. It is your responsibility to make sure your candidate feels welcome at all Cursillo activities and is supported in his or her apostolic endeavors for at least a year.