



# Cursillos in Christianity

Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Wichita

Weekend of: \_\_\_\_\_

Men's

Women's

The Catholic Cursillo is open to baptized Catholics. The person should be physically well, emotionally stable and able to receive the Sacraments of the Church. The Cursillo is a method of giving those who have a potential for influencing others a personal encounter with Christ to further enhance, support, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelization of our environments by Group Reunion and Ultreya.

### Applicant

Name			Parish
Address			Phone (h)
City	State	Zip	Birthdate
E-Mail			Occupation
Education Level (Please circle one): 1-6    7-12    13-16    17+			
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> single <input type="checkbox"/> married <input type="checkbox"/> separated <input type="checkbox"/> divorced <input type="checkbox"/> widowed			
If married: Married in Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Spouse's Name		Is spouse Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Why do you wish to make Cursillo?			
Are you free to receive the Sacraments? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Are there any situations that would require special attention (health, diet, disabilities, allergies, problems with stairs, etc)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes/Explain _____			
Activities you are currently involved in: (church, civic, professional, hobbies, etc.)			
Emergency Contacts: Day _____ Phone _____ Night _____ Phone _____			
Do you have any questions about the weekend that your sponsor has not been able to answer?			
Has the recommended follow-up program of Group Reunion and Ultreya been explained to you?			
I have read and understand everything contained in this application. I have provided all the necessary information and answered all the questions honestly and completely.			
Signature		Date:	

We are requesting full payment for the weekend with your application. The total cost of the weekend is:  
 \$140.00 for double occupancy     \$240.00 for a private room (for those with a medical need)  
Please talk to your sponsor with any concerns this may present.  
**Make checks payable to "Spiritual Life Center".**

## Sponsor Form

### *Speak to God about man before speaking to man about God.*

To be a sponsor is a privilege, and as such, carries a serious Christian responsibility. Sponsoring a friend for the Cursillo is not a haphazard circumstance. It should be a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Therefore, you must know your candidate very well and consider the important items noted below.

#### **Candidate's Sponsor**

Sponsor's Name		Parish
Address		Phone (h)
City	Zip	Phone (w)
E-Mail Address		Fax
Group Reunion meeting time/place:		
Which are you active in? <input type="checkbox"/> Group Reunion <input type="checkbox"/> Ultreya <input type="checkbox"/> School of Leaders		
How long and how well do you know your candidate?		
How long have you been discussing Cursillo with your candidate?		
Is your candidate free to receive the Sacraments? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Has the candidate's spouse made the Cursillo? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, is he/she interested in the Cursillo?) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, state the reason why.)		
Has he/she experienced a death of a loved one, trauma or severe crisis within the past year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, please contact your Pre-Cursillo representative.)		
Are you aware of any physical, psychological, emotional problems he/she may have? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, please contact your Pre-Cursillo representative.)		
In your own words, describe this candidate's personality/nature (i.e., leader, follower, quiet, outgoing, etc.) _____		
What other information or observation can you provide us with? _____ _____		
Why do you recommend this candidate? _____ _____		
Does the candidate need financial assistance in order to attend the Cursillo Weekend? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what amount is the applicant requesting? <input type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> 50% <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ What portion can you personally contribute? _____ Can you or your Ultreya pay a portion? _____		
Signature		Date

#### **Candidate's Pastor**

Pastor's Name		Parish
Address		E-Mail
City	Zip	Phone
Do you recommend this person for a Cursillo weekend? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Do you agree with the sponsor's request for financial assistance from the Wichita Cursillo? _____		
Can the parish provide all or some portion of the assistance needed? _____		
Comments:		
Signature		Date

We are requesting full payment for the weekend to be submitted with your candidate's application.

The total cost of the weekend is \$140 (double occupancy) or \$240 (single occupancy, for those with a medical need).

**Please send completed applications to:**

**Jean Cross, PO Box 413, Chanute, KS 66720 [bjcross@cablone.net](mailto:bjcross@cablone.net) Phone: 620-431-2654 (h) 316-655-8896 (c)**

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## For Sponsors

### **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 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:**

1. Answer ALL questions that your candidate might have. You cannot tell him/her too much.
2. Explain what the facility at the Spiritual Life Center is like.
3. Explain dress for the weekend is casual, with most people dressing up more on Sunday.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Complete the Sponsor section, sign it, and attach the requested payment. Return the form and fee to the designated Ultreya member.
4. We are requesting the full payment for the weekend with your candidate's application.
5. The total cost of the weekend is \$140 for double occupancy and \$240 for a private room, which are for those with a medical need **only**. *If your candidate is in need of a scholarship, we still encourage that they personally make a small contribution to their expense.*

### **Keep in close contact with your candidate before the weekend:**

1. Make sure he or she has transportation to and from the location where the Cursillo will be celebrated.
2. Try to ease any fears or anxiety the candidate might have about attending the weekend.
3. 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:**

1. Do Palanca for your candidate and write a letter. (Remember Palanca is prayer and sacrifice, not just writing a letter.)
2. Encourage family members that have made a weekend to write a letter to the candidate as well.
3. All letters will be given to the candidates on Friday. If letters arrive after the Friday handout time, they will be included in the candidate's take-home packet.
4. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the closing and, if possible, take the candidate home afterwards.
5. Help your candidate participate in follow-up Cursillo activities:
  - *Assist and make sure he or she finds a group.*
  - *Bring your candidate to your next Ultreya.*
  - *Remind him or her to attend the next closing.*
  - *Be sure your candidate knows about School of Leaders.*
  - *Encourage attendance to all Cursillo events.*
  - *Promote the Grand Ultreya held yearly in the diocese.*

## **Scholarship Program**

### **Eligibility:**

Scholarships are available to both candidates and team members. Candidate scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the date of the Cursillo Application and/or date received by the Pre-Cursillo Chairperson. Candidates should be encouraged to contribute at least a portion of their deposit. As stated on the form, potential funding from the sponsor, the Ultreya, and/or the Parish should be considered first before requesting funds from the Diocese Scholarship Fund.

### **Number of Scholarships Available:**

The funding amount available for scholarships for each Three Day Weekend will be set by the Secretariat according to available funds. Amounts are subject to change at any time upon approval of the Lay Director.

Current monetary resources will provide funding for a total of \$280 for candidates and \$280 for team members per Three-Day Weekend.

### **Candidate Scholarships:**

Scholarship allocations are available in the amount of either 50% or 100% of the cost of a double occupancy or private room. Requests for candidate scholarships must be made in writing on the Cursillo application by either the candidate's sponsor or pastor.

### **Team Member Scholarships:**

The Three Day Weekend Team Leader may divide the available funds for team members in any proportion the Team Leader decides is appropriate.

### **Approval Process:**

To be considered, Cursillo applications requesting a scholarship must be received no later than one week prior to the start of the Three-Day Weekend.

All candidate scholarship requests must be approved in writing by either the sponsor or the candidate's pastor in the space provided on the Cursillo application (see attached application form).

All team member scholarship requests must be approved in writing by the Three-Day Weekend Team Leader and submitted to the Pre-Cursillo Chairperson prior to the start of the Weekend.