

RESPONSIBLE SPONSORSHIP – A LOVE COMMITMENT

Before the weekend:

- ♥ **Talk to God about your candidate...and talk to your candidate about God.**
- ♥ Review the format and facility basics with your candidate. Teach them the word “Cursillo” and its definition as a “short course” on Christian living. Talk about Rollos, small group sharing, meditations, and services. Advise them about the room situation, the shower situation, etc. Be honest (no starving)! Ask about diet & medication needs & be prepared to communicate them to the Team. **There is no reason not to share these basics; it will alleviate anxieties and help the candidate feel receptive to the experience.**
- ♥ Explain to your candidate about 4th day, bridge meetings, the Ultreya and other opportunities; allow them to plan their calendars and get excited to participate.
- ♥ Identify and plan to attend to any of the candidates’ family or home needs during the weekend – **pets, kids needing rides, expected or emergency calls, etc.** Encourage him/her to **take Monday off.**
- ♥ Prepare Palanca and solicit it from family and community. (Call it a Valentine, love-note, offer of prayer/good wishes.)
- ♥ Attend the Sponsors’ Meeting (about a week beforehand) and bring payment (or explain arrangements as you have made them with your candidate; the current fee for the weekend is \$200). After that meeting, check-in with the candidate and ensure he/she has their packing list (and knows what to leave at home – watch, phone, valuables – remind them to trust it’s God’s time).
- ♥ If necessary, **bring in a co-sponsor, meet with the candidate together**, and establish a rapport.
- ♥ Arrange for transportation and dinner for your candidate on Thursday night of the weekend – **allow time for traffic and creating a peaceful transition into the weekend.**
- ♥ If there is a spouse or loved one that might be interested in attending, ensure they have an application and help with obtaining sponsorship.

During the weekend:

- ♥ Deliver Palanca for your Candidate, and maybe some for his/her roommate, too!
- ♥ Pray, pray, pray....and sign up on the prayer chart for some time during the weekend, it’s a very powerful symbol.
- ♥ Make plans to attend the Sunday Manañitas service (Arrive by 5:45am) with flowers for the whole candidate group and invite the family to join in the closing Clausura party. No one wants to come into the party and not find a face they know in the crowd; be on time, early, or call the MOSSAF to advise! Also, plan to pick up your candidates’ belongings and load them into your car while you’re waiting for Clausura!

After the weekend:

- ♥ Help your candidate transition home again on Sunday – dinner? Debrief? Prepare the family for a “difference” in their loved one?
- ♥ Keep in close contact with your Candidate, showing the same level of interest and concern as you did before their Cursillo. **Call and check in on Monday, don’t wait!**
- ♥ **Review the Fourth Day Packet** with your new Cursillista; point out events and resources. Make sure they know about www.cantaelgallo.com and the Bay Area Cursillo News email list-serve.
- ♥ Take your Candidate to the “Bridge” 4th Day meetings the first few times.
- ♥ Take your Candidate (and his/her family) to Ultreya; show them the community you promised them!
- ♥ When the next weekend comes along, invite your candidate to participate in Mananitas (you’ll probably have to remind them what that is, of course). Be a bridge between your candidate and the larger Cursillo community.
- ♥ When the time is right, encourage your Candidate to Serve, Sponsor or Palanca in the Cursillo community; Encourage your candidate to affect his/her environments; that is what Cursillo is all about!!!

I WANT TO SPONSOR A CANDIDATE FOR CURSILLO....

Your Candidate should be:

- ♥ Someone you know relatively well; someone you think is spiritually aware, having a Christian foundation and accepting of its basic concepts.
- ♥ Someone who is emotionally stable, possessing the maturity needed for participation, and able to tolerate the physicality of a weekend.
- ♥ Our general guidelines recommend a candidate be between 25 – 65 years of age, but exceptions for folks who can meet the 'requirements' above are certainly considered on a case-by-case basis.
- ♥ You should know your candidate well enough to talk openly about faith, to trust them enough to welcome them into your 4th Day way of living before the weekend even begins, and to commit to more than just a great, spirit-filled weekend, but to stay connected in his/her ongoing faith journey and ensure he/she returns to a faith community.

You need a Co-Sponsor (an experienced Cursillista who's had a workshop and isn't on the team) if:

- ♥ You're a NEW Cursillista, less than six (6) months; or
- ♥ You are serving on the team that your candidate will attend.

Applications are available online and:

- ♥ Your **candidate** should fill out all of **page one** of the application.
- ♥ **You and your co-sponsor** should complete the **top of page two** (make an extra copy for the co-sponsor).
- ♥ Your candidate's **Pastor** should complete the **affirmation on the bottom of page two**. Pastor should have a clear understanding of Cursillo, believe the candidate is ready, and can sign the affirmation.
- ♥ The completed application should be sent to the Secretariat – at the PO Box or the email address and both are printed on the form.

FOLLOW THE CHECK-LIST DIRECTIONS AND ADVICE AND
WATCH FOR DETAILS FROM THE RECTOR/A!