



Central Indiana Cursillo Center Information for Candidate **WHAT IS CURSILLO?**

Cursillo is a Christian movement recognized by the Roman Catholic Church (and which has subsequently spread to several other Christian churches). It began in Spain in 1949 and was started by Bishop Juan Hervas and Dr. Eduardo Boninn.

Its name comes from the Spanish word “Cursillo”, which means “small course.” The original, full name is “Cursillos de Cristiandad”, meaning “short course in Christianity.”

It is neither a theoretical course nor a traditional retreat; it is best described as an experience. It is an experience which leads to discovering a better life and what is fundamental in Christianity.

During the three days of the weekend, participants have a deep and profound experience of Christian life:

- ***We get to know ourselves better (encounter with self).***
- ***We experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ (encounter with Jesus).***
- ***We see the goodness that can be provided by a loving and caring Christian Community (encounter with others).***

The three day weekend helps you experience your Catholic faith more fully. It showcases the power of the Catholic faith. You are motivated to engage in a spiritual life filled with joy, laughter and enthusiasm; and to discover an enhanced relationship with God. Discussions, led by a team of Catholic lay people and spiritual advisors, will emphasize:

- ***The meaning of Grace and the Sacraments***
- ***The need for prayer and ways of living life in union with God***

The whole point of the Cursillo movement is that ordinary people can steadily grow in the love and service of God and man for the rest of their lives. The Cursillo weekend can represent the first essential step along the way or perhaps deepen your current Spiritual Life. Christian growth is a life-long process, and Cursillo provides a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards in the Post-Cursillo, where emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community from which springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world in which to live.

Cursillo awakens a consciousness of power and the mission to become a leader in the work of Christian renewal, with the support of Christian community.

If you have any questions or comments, please talk with your sponsor.



Central Indiana Cursillo Center Candidate Application

Name _____ Nickname on Badge _____ Sex ____ Age ____

Street _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email _____

Present Employer _____ Position _____

Are you a practicing Catholic? Yes No Pastor's Name _____

Parish _____ Parish City _____

Are you a lector or Eucharistic Minister at your parish? Lector Yes No EM Yes No

Specific health problems or dietary needs _____

Organizations to which you belong (religious, social, professional, etc.) _____

_____ Hobbies or interests _____

Marital Status (S) (M) (D) (W) _____ Spouse's Name _____

Is your spouse Catholic? Yes No

Has spouse made a Cursillo? Yes No

If not, has Cursillo and Post-Cursillo been explained to the spouse? Yes No

Has your sponsor explained: Group Reunion? Yes No

Has your sponsor explained: Ultreya? Yes No

Where are you currently in your faith journey? _____

I understand that the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to promote the creation of core groups of Christians who are committed to changing their environments by living the message of the Gospel; that the weekend is a "short course" in Christianity and that my commitment to Group Reunion and Ultreya can assist me in bringing Christ to the world in which I live, work and play.

A \$125.00 fee is asked to help cover the cost of the weekend. Please submit a non-refundable \$25.00 deposit made out to "CICC" and return it along with this application to your sponsor. A lack of funds, however, should not discourage anyone from making a Cursillo weekend.

I have read the above statements and answered all questions honestly and completely as possible.

(The information provided herein is for the exclusive and confidential use of the CICC.)

Signed _____ Date _____



Central Indiana Cursillo Center SPONSOR INFORMATION

Candidate Selection

Those of us who are about to sponsor a candidate for a 3-Day Cursillo should be aware of the task to which we are committing ourselves and of the significance of our action.

Requirements and Guidelines

1. The candidate should have the potential to be a Christian leader and be capable of acting as an evangelical leaven among family, friends and associates.
2. The candidate must be 18 years of age or older.
3. The candidate should be a Catholic and able to receive the Sacraments.
4. There should be the opportunity for follow-up and support of the new Cursillista by his/her Cursillo Community through group reunion and Ultreya. **(Remember: The PRIMARY DUTIES of the sponsor begin after the candidate has attended the Cursillo weekend.)**
5. The candidate should not be under any unusual stress. (The Cursillo weekend is not intended to be used as a "cure" for marital or emotional problems, substance abuse, etc.)

Candidate Preparation

1. Pray before contacting a potential candidate.
2. There is no need to be secretive. Answer honestly any questions the candidate has about the movement or the weekend.
3. Explain the Cursillo 4th Day to the candidate (Group Reunion and Ultreya). These are in place to support their walk with God for the rest of their/our life.
4. Invite your candidate to attend group reunion and Ultreya before the Cursillo, if possible.
5. If possible, it would be beneficial to explain Cursillo to both husband and wife together.

Sponsor Preparation

1. Submit completed Candidate's Form and Sponsor's Commitment form to the Pre-Cursillo Chair. The address is listed on the sponsor form.
2. If you cannot personally bring your candidate to the Cursillo weekend, arrange transportation. Candidates should not drive to the Cursillo site alone.
3. Do Palanca for your candidate and write a general and/or personal Palanca note.
4. Provide assistance to your candidate's family as needed throughout the weekend.
5. Attend the Closing and take your candidate home. (Notify candidate and spouse of approximate time of return on Sunday evening.)
6. After the weekend, help your candidate find a permanent group reunion.
7. Encourage your candidate to become a member of the Cursillo community by accompanying him/her to Ultreya and School of Leaders for the first 12 months.



Central Indiana Cursillo Center SPONSOR COMMITMENT

Please read the Sponsors Responsibilities (page 3) prior to filling out this form.

Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor information:

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____ Parish City: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell phone: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Date and location of your Cursillo: _____

Are you currently active in a Group Reunion? Yes No

Information about your candidate:

How long have you known this candidate? _____

Church ministries is the candidate is involved: _____

To your knowledge, does your candidate have any emotional or physical problems or special needs, or addiction to alcohol or drugs? (If yes, please explain :) _____

Have you explained the basics of the Cursillo weekend to your candidate and that the cost for the weekend is \$125.00 with a \$25.00 deposit? Yes No

Did you discuss Cursillo with both husband and wife? Yes No

Is spouse's application pending? Yes No

Has your candidate ever attended a group reunion and/or an Ultreya? Yes No

As a sponsor, you are agreeing to arrange your candidate's transportation to and from the Cursillo, assist with the candidate's family needs during the Cursillo, and to help your candidate find a permanent group reunion and attend Ultreya. Have you considered this? Yes No

After reviewing the guidelines contained herein, I accept all responsibilities associated with my candidate for the duration of the weekend and to assist my candidate in his/her 4th Day.

Sponsor's Signature _____

Date _____

Please return the candidates application form with your sponsor commitment form and a \$25 deposit check to:

CICC
4390 Lincoln Road
Indianapolis, IN 46228

----- do not write below this line -----
Date application received: _____ Deposit Amount: _____ Check # _____