



SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES

The prayerful selection of Candidates is undoubtedly one of the most important parts of the Cursillo movement. As Cursillistas, we must recognize our responsibilities in sponsorship and establish the fact that the Cursillo method is not designed for everyone. As a matter of fact, we often find ourselves talking about Cursillo instead of telling others about the person it is centered upon.... Jesus Christ. What we need to remember is that our method of sharing Jesus Christ, our form of evangelization, is the living and sharing of the Good News through a weekend encounter called Cursillo.

The selection of Candidates should depend primarily on a person's potential to be a Leader, their spirituality and ability to relate to others. How much education the person has, how well they can speak, or how well they are known in the community are not criteria for good Candidates; however, the quality of the individual is important. Sponsors should look for those with that kind of potential. Some understanding of what the church stands for is essential.

Since the format of the Weekend is rather intense, it is advisable that the Candidate be well in body, mind and emotions. The purpose of Cursillo is to build up the body of the Church through a positive experience. Therefore, we must consider and respect the **WHOLE** person we intend to sponsor, not to mention the well being of the other Candidates.

Personal contact and reliance on the Holy Spirit are as important for Cursillistas as they were for the Apostles. Therefore, pray for direction to make the right choice to share with others the Cursillo method:

Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ.

Friendship is emphasized because it is through our continued contact that we mature as members of the living Body of Christ. **PRAY** for your friends **BEFORE** you approach them about the weekend. Be sure that you never resort to pressure tactics of any kind. Your enthusiasm will speak for itself. Answer any questions as simply and honestly as possible and try to ease any fears that may surface. If your friend is married, every effort should be made to befriend both partners and explain the weekend to both of them.

Prior to the Weekend, pray, knowing that your friend's attendance depends on God and then do all that you can to facilitate your friend going on a Cursillo. Mark the dates of the Cursillo Weekends on your calendar. God is working through you to bring your friend to Cursillo.

NOTE: It is highly recommended that you attend a Sponsorship Seminar at either the Metro, the Valley or the South Shore Ultreya.

**QUESTIONS REGARDING SPONSORSHIP MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE PRE-CURSILLO DIRECTOR at
Deidre McDougall, Telephone (902) 717-0116**



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SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

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Purpose of a Cursillo weekend

A Cursillo Weekend is intended to provide an opportunity for Candidates to:

- deepen their Christian faith
- be strengthened in their spiritual journey, and
- discover ways to share their faith in their daily lives.

It is **not** designed to be a process for introducing people to Christianity, or as an occasion for healing deep spiritual or psychological problems. With this in mind, the following guidelines have been set out regarding attending a Cursillo Weekend. It is critical that you consider these very carefully.

Who should attend a weekend?

A Cursillo weekend is **intended** for people who:

- are baptized, committed Christians
- are active in their parishes and leaders in their own way
- show strength of character and self control
- have strong Christian values
- are interested in examining what it means to be a Christian in today's world

Additional considerations

Experience over the years has led to the following **recommendations**:

- A person should wait at least a year before attending a Cursillo weekend, following major life events such as:
 - Change in marital status
 - Serious Illness
 - Bereavement
- For couples, both partners should attend a Cursillo weekend. Exceptions will be considered by Secretariat on the recommendation of the Sponsor and the Parish Priest.
- People with acute emotional problems or in psychiatric treatment should not attend a weekend at the present time.
- For those with a physical handicap, check first with the Pre-Cursillo Director to determine what arrangements can be made to facilitate full participation.
- The above considerations need to be prayerfully thought-out. They are not intended to exclude people from Cursillo weekends, but rather are made in the best interest of the individual and balanced with what is important for table dynamics.

Cost of the weekend: The cost of the weekend is **\$230.00 [payable to NSPEI Anglican Cursillo Movement]**. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required with the application. The balance of \$180.00 is due either with the application form or no later than October 10th. If you cannot attend after full payment is made, money is donated to the Cursillo Movement.

Accommodations, food and materials are included. There will be an opportunity during the weekend, if desired, to purchase Christian materials, i.e. books, music, etc.

Finances should not dictate whether or not a person attends a weekend. If finances present a problem for your candidate, please consider finding a means of assistance through your Group Reunion, your church or friends of your candidate. Please let your candidate know about the arrangements. If this is still a concern, this should be brought to Secretariat.

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SPONSOR'S FORM

(One per Candidate) [All information will be treated as confidential]

Name of Candidate _____

Sponsor's name _____

Sponsor's address _____
(Number and Street, City/Town & Province, Postal Code)

Sponsor's phone number _____ E-mail _____

Denomination _____

Sponsor's Parish _____ Date of Sponsor's Cursillo weekend _____

Were both spouses encouraged to attend this Cursillo weekend? Yes _____ No _____ If no, why not?

If you do not know the applicant well, it is preferable that much of the report be filled out by or in conjunction with someone who does.

Is the Candidate from your parish? _____ How long? _____

Is the Candidate active in another parish? _____ In other organizations? _____

In what way do you feel the Candidate's Christian life will be enhanced by attending a Cursillo weekend?

In what way will you support your candidate in his/her Fourth Day?

If any of the following points apply - recent major life events; non-attendance by one of the marriage partners on the Cursillo weekend; emotional problems/psychiatric treatment or physical disabilities, please give serious thought as to whether or not the candidate should attend a Cursillo weekend this year. If you feel he/she should still attend, please comment.

I acknowledge that I am expected to attend a Sponsorship Seminar where available.

Signature of Sponsor _____ Date _____

NOTE: As soon as possible, give the Sponsor form and your Candidate's application along with the Priest's form to the Parish Priest to complete and return to you. Completed forms will be dated when received by the Pre-Cursillo Director. The order of receipt is important as there is a limit to the overall number of candidates. When a couple is sponsored, please submit both applications at the same time. **Please include the deposit.**

FORWARD THE COMPLETED FORMS TO THE PRE-CURSILLO DIRECTOR:
Deidre McDougall, #522 - 66 Highfield Park Drive, Dartmouth, NS B3A 4X1 Telephone (902) 717-0116

ONCE ALL THREE FORMS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE SPONSOR TO THE PRE-CURSILLO DIRECTOR, THE APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL.



CANDIDATE INFORMATION

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a movement of the Church that promotes Christian ideals, fellowship and spiritual growth in daily living. A weekend is held to introduce you to Cursillo and provide an experience which will enable you to follow Jesus more faithfully and effectively.

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A Cursillo weekend is a personal, lively and informative event with talks, discussions, singing, worship and fellowship. It provides an opportunity to deepen your Christian faith, and to experience the love of God within a supportive and prayerful community.

What is the cost of the weekend?

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Accommodations, food and materials are included. **For \$20 extra, if available you can request your own room.** There will be an opportunity during the weekend, if desired, to purchase Christian materials, i.e. books, music, etc.

Finances should not dictate whether or not you attend a weekend. Speak with your Sponsor should you have concerns about the cost of the weekend.

If for some reason you are unable to attend after acceptance, early notification will permit someone on the waiting list to attend the weekend.

Who should attend a Cursillo weekend?

A Cursillo weekend is intended for those who are:

- baptized, committed Christians
- active in their parish
- interested in examining what it means to be a Christian in today's world.

Experience over the years has led us to the following **recommendations** that we **ask** you to consider

A person should wait at least one year before attending a Cursillo weekend following major life events such as:

Change in marital status
Serious illness
Bereavement

For married couples, both partners are encouraged to attend a Cursillo weekend. Exceptions will be considered by Secretariat, the governing body of the Anglican Cursillo Movement Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, on the recommendation of the Sponsor and the Parish Priest.

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Please keep this page for future reference



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CANDIDATE APPLICATION
[All information will be treated as confidential]

NAME _____ *Please print clearly*
FIRST NAME (for name tag) _____ **LAST NAME** _____

ADDRESS _____
Number & Street. City/Town & Province, Postal Code

PHONE _____
Home _____ Cellular _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PARISH NAME _____ **LOCATION** _____

If married: Is your spouse applying to attend this year? _____ attended previously? _____

The following information will assist us in forming groups for discussion:

Male ___ Female ___ Age ___ Marital status: _____ Occupation _____ or Retired ___

Community organizations of which you are a member:

Activities/Committees/Groups within your church of which you are a member:

Other Information

Why do you want to attend a Cursillo weekend? (continue on reverse, if required)

Explain special dietary/physical challenges we should be aware of (we will try to accommodate your concerns):

Permission is ___ is not ___ given to have my name released to the Cursillo Community for prayer purposes. Also permission is ___ is not ___ given to publish my picture after the Cursillo weekend.

Your Signature _____ Date _____

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO YOUR SPONSOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A
NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$50.00
[payable to NSPEI Anglican Cursillo Movement].**

Balance of **\$180.00** is due either with the application form or no later than October 10th.
If you cannot attend after full payment is made, money is donated to the Cursillo Movement.

Your Sponsor and Parish Priest must also complete a form. You will receive a letter from the Pre-Cursillo Director if your application is approved. If your application is not approved, you will be contacted by your Sponsor.



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If finances present a problem for this candidate, we ask that you speak with the Sponsor to explore possible means of financial assistance. Perhaps your parish might be able to help out in some way.

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Name of candidate _____

Your Name _____

Parish Name _____

Parish Address _____
Number and Street City/town and Province

Postal Code _____ **Phone Number** _____

e-mail _____ **Denomination** _____

Is the candidate from your Parish? _____ **How long?** _____

Is the candidate active in your Parish? Yes _____ **No** _____ **What church organizations does he/she belong to?**

Were both spouses encouraged to attend this Cursillo weekend? Yes _____ **No** _____

*If the candidate is from another Parish, it is preferable that this form be filled out by, or in conjunction with the **clergy of the person's own Parish**.

In what way do you feel the candidate's Christian life will be enhanced by attending a Cursillo weekend?

If any of the following points apply - recent major life events, attendance of each of the marriage partners, emotional problems/psychiatric treatment or physical disabilities, please give serious thought as to whether or not the candidate should attend a Cursillo weekend this year. If you feel he/she should still attend, please comment.

Signature of Priest _____ **Date** _____

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SPONSOR

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