

## **Sponsoring someone to Cursillo**

Sponsoring someone to Cursillo is a privilege and a responsibility. The responsibility is to both the participant and the Cursillo movement.

### **Whom should you sponsor?**

Those who are Christian.

Those who have a desire to grow as Christians and belong, or wish to belong to a Christian congregation.

Those who want to attend.

### **Who should not go?**

Those who are undergoing some emotional or psychological disturbance in their life, eg. Divorce, family bereavement. It is best to wait a year after such trauma before attending Cursillo.

Those who may have other physical or psychological limitations which would make it difficult for them to fully participate in the Cursillo three days.

### **Before inviting somebody to apply for a Cursillo**

Pray for guidance.

Speak to the candidates rector before approaching a prospective Participant.

Familiarise yourself with the responsibilities of a sponsor.

Discuss the financial commitment with the prospective participant.

Cursillo operates on the basis that no one should be excluded on account of costs. It is, however, self-funded so if money is a problem, consider ways in which this could be overcome (eg. Donation by other Cursillistas or the Parish)

### **The responsibilities of a sponsor**

Explain that Cursillo is not just a renewal program, but a means to continuing Christian living.

Explain the registration and "What is Cursillo" forms to the participant.

Be open about the three day format.

See that the participant has transport to and from Cursillo.

Attend the Mananita and Clausura and write Palanca to the participant.

After Cursillo, make contact within a day or two; a phone call will do.

Involve yourself in the new Cursillista's *Fourth Day* for at least twelve months, making sure that they have an opportunity to settle into a Group Reunion.

### **Your commitment as a sponsor**

Help the person complete an application form.

Give it to their Rector, together with a Sponsor/Rector's Recommendation Form, with your sponsors details completed, together with a stamped envelope addressed to the Registrar, as noted on the Application Form.

Make sure the Rector signs and returns the form promptly.

Explain to your candidate that they will receive an acknowledgement when the application reaches the Registrar, and they will be advised *later* of the Cursillo they will be invited to attend.

If your candidate is accepted, make sure they attend without anxiety.

If necessary, take responsibility (with others), for the affairs of the family and dependents. This may include baby-sitting, shopping etc. It may be possible to involve the candidate's family with your own during that time. Make it possible for the new Cursillista to attend Ultreya, accompany them if you can.

Be prepared to share these commitments with a co-sponsor.

You should consider prayerfully the number of people for whom you carry the responsibility and work involved as a sponsor at any given time, taking care to allow enough time to devote to each one. See the help of co-sponsors if necessary.