

**THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT
ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CALGARY
SPONSOR ENDORSEMENT FORM**

Please print CLEARLY

Applicant's Name: _____ Gender: M ___ F ___
(Surname) (Given Names)

Sponsor's Name: _____
(Surname) (Given Names)

Sponsor's Address: _____
(Apt. Number) (Number & Street)

City) (Province/State) (Postal/ZIP Code)

Sponsor E-mail Address: _____

Sponsor Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How frequently do you see the applicant? _____

What environments do you foresee the applicant influencing? _____

Are you grouping? Yes ___ No ___

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

When completed, please mail/email/scan this form together with the Participant Application Form to:

Karen Spaargaren
279 Deer Saxon Circle SE, Calgary AB, T2J 6S9
403-278-0827
spaargw@shaw.ca

Cursillo weekend fees: \$195 double occupancy / \$225 single occupancy.
ees are in Canadian dollars.

Dear Sponsor:

Sponsorship is fundamental to the whole Cursillo method. Sponsorship is in effect a spiritual adoption of the new participant until he/she is able to form his/her own support system in order to transform his/her own environment. The Cursillo movement has three distinct parts, which must be prayerfully considered by the sponsor:

1) Pre-Cursillo - searching for and selection of participants in environments.

Participants may be selected from any environment. Family, neighbourhood, workplace, community groups and parishes are all places where people meet. Ideally, the participants you select, are mature people, clear about themselves and their faith yet open and humble. Whatever else, they should be open to transformation and renewal by the 3-day weekend. You may want to invite the applicants to an information session, group reunion or an Ultreya at some point before the weekend. Discuss the purpose and aims of Cursillo with the applicant and have them fill out the application form if they wish to attend the weekend. These forms are available on-line and can be filled out on-line (preferred), emailed or slow-mailed once they are completed. The same process applies with your sponsorship form. It is no longer necessary to have the Parish Priest complete a separate form.

2) For the weekend

Remain close to the new participant, pray for him/her, and arrange for transportation to Entheos. Do whatever else is required to make his/her weekend as worry free as possible. Confirm your applicant's attendance at least one week ahead and again 24 hours before the weekend. If they must cancel, please notify Karen Spaargaren as soon as possible. Organize Palanca from other Cursillistas who know the participant and arrange a "love letter" from the spouse, if applicable. During the weekend, "check in" with the spouse and arrange for delivery of Palanca. The Sunday of your participant's weekend, ask your parish to pray for the new participant. Please attend your candidate's Clausura.

3) The Fourth Day

The Fourth Day is the living out in the community. This is where sponsorship is vital. Please invite the new Cursillista to join your group or offer to start a new group with him/her or arrange for him/her to join a group you know about. You should contact the Fourth Day committee and advise them if you cannot help in this area so that someone else can step in. This can be done through the Cursillo website www.cursillo.ab.ca. Encourage the new Cursillista to attend Ultreya or better still invite them to accompany you.

Your participant will be notified by e-mail that they have been accepted. They will also receive a letter outlining the basics, such as time and place and what to bring. The name and phone number of the Lay Director will be included in case questions arise. To have an application held over to the next year, notify the Pre-Cursillo Committee Chairperson, Karen Spaargaren, before the deadline for the next weekend. Most important are your unceasing prayers for the participant and the Cursillo movement.

Thank you and God bless you for this very important role.

Calgary Cursillo Sponsor Checklist

With your group:

- Study your environments
- Select potential participants

Activities:

- Get to know applicants/participants better
- Approach them about Cursillo
- Meet with the participant(s)
- Speak with the Parish Priest about Cursillo
- Submit forms before cut-off date *-please check that all information is given and signed*
- Applicant Form
- Sponsor's Endorsement
- Confirm with the Parish Priest that she/he is approving of the applicant's registration
- Consider inviting the applicant to Ultreya or your group reunion
- Notify applicant of acceptance
- Pass along letter from the Registrar
- Meet to answer questions
- Help with child care and/or transportation arrangements
- Confirm participants attendance one week and again 24 hours before Weekend
- Arrange for Palanca and a "love letter" from spouse
- Check in with at-home spouse during weekend
- Arrange Intercession at Parish Eucharist
- Attend Clausura
- Accompany them to an Ultreya
- Invite to join your group; start a new group for participant or if you cannot help please
- Contact the 4th Day Committee or submit request on-line at www.cursillo.ab.ca
- Check back with the participant over the next year