

## SPONSOR PORTION Colorado Episcopal Cursillo Weekend

Cursillo has no secrets! As a sponsor, you are responsible for making the candidate aware of the potential activities which make up the three days, including short talks with small group discussions afterwards, community singing, community corporate activities such as skits, artwork and meals, worship from the Book of Common Prayer, the Stations of the Cross, silence from the opening day of the weekend evening until next morning worship and the request to surrender watches. If you are sponsoring a couple, please make sure they know they will be housed separately. Sponsors are STRONGLY encouraged to attend Mananitas, Clausura, and the Reunion Ultreya with their candidates if these activities are offered.

Cursillo is a very rewarding experience for most people, but can be physically and/or emotionally demanding. It is not intended to provide counseling or treatment for personal problems or marital difficulties. **Please consider that those in emotional crisis should resolve their difficulties before attending a Cursillo weekend. Please DO NOT sponsor a candidate who may be prevented from having a rewarding experience for these reasons.**

**SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Your service to the candidate begins NOW... with preparation for their needs on the weekend, and continues into their Fourth Day.
2. Your actions as a sponsor directly affect the experience that your candidate has during and after the Cursillo weekend. Plan to attend
3. Mananitas and Clausura for them, if those activities are offered.
4. In general, you should only sponsor one candidate for a given weekend. Enlist other members of your reunion group or community to assist you, if possible, with additional candidates.
5. If you are working the weekend as a team member, ensure that your responsibilities to both the team AND your candidate can be met.
6. Provide transportation to and from the Cursillo weekend site, arrange pet sitting, newspaper and mail handling, and any other little items that might be on the candidate's mind.
7. Your candidate should arrive at 7 pm The opening day of the weekend night and be taken home after Clausura. The candidate should NOT drive their own car. You may want to take your candidate to dinner on the way, as no meal is provided on the opening day of the weekend evening.
8. Small palanca items are encouraged. Personal cards or notes listing the prayers and sacrifices that you are making for the person during the weekend are especially appreciated. Encourage other Cursillistas to contribute notes and cards for your candidate. Larger items should be kept and given to your candidate after the Clausura. When you arrive with your candidate on The opening day of the weekend night, you may drop palanca off with the palanca team if you have not already given it to a team member from your church.
9. Check with the candidate's family during the weekend. Let them know all is under control.
10. Pray for your candidate and ask your parish to do so as well.
11. Bring your own flowers to pass out at Mananitas. Flowers will not be provided by Colorado Episcopal Cursillo or the weekend team.
12. Candidates' children or spouses who have not attended a Cursillo weekend SHOULD NOT attend Mananitas or Clausura.
13. Encourage your candidate to attend the Reunion Ultreya if offered, as well as other Ultreyas. Offer to drive them or carpool with them.
14. Getting the new Cursillistas into a group is the most important post-weekend duty of a sponsor. Help them form a group or join an existing group. You may sit in with them for a period of time until they are comfortable in their new group. If size and timing allows, you may ask your current group if they may join your group.

Weekend fees include all meals and lodging from the opening day of the weekend evening through the closing day of the weekend afternoon. Collect the completed application and a check for \$40 from your candidate. Complete this sponsor application and seek approval from your parish pastor. Once completed, forward to weekend lay leader: (1) the candidate application, (2) the sponsor/pastor form, (3) your candidate's check for \$40, and (4) your check for the remainder of the weekend fee. **Apply a \$10 discount to sponsor fees for applications postmarked more than 30 days before the start of the weekend. Scholarship assistance for sponsors for \$50 is available upon request. Please circle below.**

### #126

#### “Renew a Right Spirit Within Me”

June 3-6, 2010  
Colorado Northwestern Community  
College, Rangeley  
Paula Davis, Lay Leader  
(970) 629-5729  
pkdavis\_rpd@hotmail.com  
Fee: \$110 + \$40 Candidate Fee

### #127

#### “Amazing Love”

September 16-19, 2010  
Rocky Mountain Village, Georgetown  
Patricia & Mickey Jackson, Lay Leaders  
(303) 797-0507  
pajacks@hotmail.com  
Fee: \$140 + \$40 Candidate Fee

SPONSOR'S NAME	
ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP
E-MAIL ADDRESS	HOME PHONE
DATE OF YOUR CURSILLO WEEKEND	DIOCESE
YOUR PARISH	RECTOR

Y N Are you in a group reunion, bible study, or regular prayer group?

IF NOT, HOW WILL YOU GUIDE YOUR CANDIDATE IN THEIR FOURTH DAY?

GIVE A PERSONAL STATEMENT OF YOUR REASONS FOR SPONSORING THIS PERSON TO ATTEND A CURSILLO WEEKEND.

DESCRIBE YOUR CANDIDATE'S MINISTRIES, ENVIRONMENTS, INTERESTS AND/OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THESE AREAS.

DESCRIBE ANY PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, EMOTIONAL OR SPIRITUAL ISSUES THE WEEKEND LEADERS OR TEAM SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR CANDIDATE.

CIRCLE ALL THE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOUR CANDIDATE

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|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Quiet         | Talkative     | Friendly  | Reserved   | Optimistic |
| Thoughtful    | Old-Fashioned | Happy     | Flexible   | Sharing    |
| Shy           | Contemporary  | Skeptical | Expressive | Fearful    |
| Growing Angry | Decisive      | Fun       | Punctual   | Sad        |
| Particular    | Spontaneous   | Nervous   |            |            |

Y N I have described the weekend to my candidate	Y N I have explained group reunion to my candidate.
Y N I have answered all my candidate's questions	Y N I have explained Fourth Day to my candidate.
Y N I will attend Mananitas, if offered	Y N I will attend Clausura, if offered.
<p><b><i>I have prayed about this candidate and the Cursillo weekend.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>I will actively and prayerfully support my candidate before and during the weekend, and in their Fourth Day after the weekend.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>I will attend the Reunion Ultreya (if offered) with my candidate and, with God's help, I will assist him/her in finding a group reunion and/or Ultreya in their Fourth Day.</i></b></p> <p>SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____</p>	

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***Should a sponsor who has paid their sponsor fee for a candidate discover that their candidate is unable to participate in the weekend scheduled, they shall notify the Treasurer of the Secretariat and a) request a refund or b) indicate that their fee be contributed to the Scholarship Fund for future use.***

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 joyw1965@comcast.net

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PASTOR NAME	PARISH
ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP
E-MAIL ADDRESS	PHONE
COMMENTS	
<p><b>I certify that _____ is a baptized member in good standing of this congregation and is entitled to participate in all sacraments and privileges of the Episcopal Church. I believe that the Candidate and the Congregation will benefit from the Candidate's experience at the weekend. I am not aware of any emotional, physical or spiritual condition that would preclude his/her active participation and successful completion of the weekend.</b></p> <p>PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____</p>	