

CANDIDATE APPLICATION—INFORMATION PAGE *Updated—March 2007*

Cursillo is a three-day course in Christianity open to all people who attend the Episcopal Church. This weekend will give priority to those who worship in the Diocese of Southern Virginia but is open to others as space allows. You do not have to be invited to attend. You will need a sponsor -- a support person who has experienced the weekend and who will:

- help you prepare for your weekend,
- help your family while you are gone, and
- help you process what you have discovered on the weekend

The Cursillo Weekend consists of Episcopal worship services, talks on various religious subjects, small group discussions, singing, eating and fun. It is a time set aside from your daily hectic schedule to gather with fellow Christians to explore, learn and grow in a quiet, supportive setting. The focus will be on your *individual* relationship with God within the larger community of the faithful, not on your marital or family relationships. The weekend does not offer time for extensive spiritual counseling.

The weekend can be emotionally and spiritually intense rather than a time for relaxing. Although the weekend is not physically strenuous, you will be asked to sit for 20-30 minutes at a time, and to walk among the camp buildings on grass and some uneven surfaces. If you are currently experiencing one or more serious difficulties in your life (physical, marital, emotional or spiritual), we suggest that you wait until a more opportune time so that you may focus on your spiritual growth without being distracted by any current difficulties. Candidates with mobility issues can be accommodated (please note any such issues on your application). The weekends are held at the Chanco Center, which is about forty-five minutes from the nearest medical facility. Please consider this if you have serious medical concerns.

Please remember, the Cursillo weekend is designed as three-day retreat. Your Sponsor will be responsible for taking you on Thursday evening and picking you up on Sunday evening.

The cost of the weekend is \$225 (covers all meals and 3 nights in nice 2-person apartment-like lodges). DO NOT let the fee prevent your application. If you need assistance please see any past Cursillo participants in your parish. A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 must be sent with the application.

Please return the completed form and payment to your contact.

Contacts, please mail completed applications to:

Cursillo in Southern Virginia
P.O. Box 11027
Norfolk, VA 23517

CANDIDATE APPLICATION PART 1

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

PREFERRED NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / 19____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (name, phone, cell phone): _____

WEEKEND PREFERRED: (Please circle)

SPRING or FALL MEN'S or WOMEN'S or COED or CONCURRENT

I have the following physical disabilities, dietary requirements, or special medical needs:

I attend _____ Episcopal Church in _____,
Virginia.

Give a brief, frank statement of why you wish to make a Cursillo weekend.

Signature: _____

Date _____

CANDIDATE APPLICATION PART 2

SPONSOR'S ENDORSEMENT

Candidate name: _____

Parish: _____

Please print this page and attach it to Part 1 (Candidate Application) and Part 3 (Clergy Endorsement) before submitting to the mailing address

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Congregation: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's City, State, Zip: _____

Sponsor's Phone – Day: _____ Night: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I believe that this Candidate should make a Cursillo because:

I know of no health or diet restrictions which would limit this Candidate's participation other than:

I do solemnly promise as a faithful Christian that I have read the Sponsor's Covenant, and that I will do my utmost to fulfill the duties of sponsor for this Candidate.

Sponsor's Signature:

_____ Date: _____

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CANDIDATE APPLICATION PART 3

CLERGY ENDORSEMENT

Candidate name:

Parish:

Please print this page and use it as an application form to provide the information requested.

Clergy Name: _____

Congregation: _____

Address:

Canonically, the Candidate is a: [] Communicant in good standing. If not, please explain their circumstances.

I have known the Candidate for _____ year(s).

We try to arrange table groups so all participants will be comfortable with the times of sharing thoughts and feelings. Based on your experience, would this Candidate be comfortable as a Table Leader?

Are there any special concerns the leaders of a Cursillo weekend should he made aware of to make the Candidate's Cursillo more effective?

Clergy Signature: _____ Date: _____

You, or the Sponsor, please mail the Application (Part 1-Candidates Application, Part 2-Sponsor's Endorsement, and Part 3-Clergy Endorsement) along with the \$225 fee or \$25 deposit to:

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CANDIDATE APPLICATION PART 4

SPONSOR'S COVENANT

Sponsors: It is important that you support your candidate before, during and after their Cursillo weekend. Your support could mean the difference in their weekend being just a 'nice weekend experience', versus, a life-long system for sustaining spiritual strength and growth.

Before the weekend:

- Speak with the clergy who knows the Candidate well before I speak with the Candidate about making a Cursillo.
- Pray for my Candidate daily.
- Help my Candidate complete the application well in advance of the weekend.
- Make sure my Candidate responds to the invitation to attend when it arrives.
- Ensure that my Candidate's fees are paid.
- Arrange transportation for my Candidate to the weekend.
- Be open with my Candidate about the weekend. There are no secrets to be kept.

During my Candidate's weekend:

- Go with my Candidate to the weekend and stay until he/she is acclimated.
- Surround my Candidate with prayer during the weekend.
- Help my Candidate's family during the weekend in whatever ways I can.
- Pick up my Candidate at the end of the weekend.

After the weekend:

- Help my Candidate settle in a permanent Reunion Group.
- Encourage my Candidate to stay active in Cursillo by attending Ultreyas and Days of Deeper Understanding.
- Encourage my Candidate to serve on a Team one year after their weekend.