

POST CURSILLO

An important stage for the integration of the new Cursillista into the ongoing activities and support that we have all come to value. Try to ring a day or two after the Weekend and keep in touch. You will have already spoken of Group Reunion and will have indicated a group they could join. It would be reassuring if you could follow this up by taking them along - if they are to join your group then that makes the first few times so much easier.

Many people who have made their Cursillo fail to experience its full value and the support that is available, due to a lack of awareness and responsibility by their sponsor at this early stage.

Attending the Welcome Day with your candidate is such an encouraging follow-up, where those bonds created within the table communities and with other team members can be nurtured.

The Diocesan Ultreya is soon after the Weekend and is another occasion for bringing your candidate and introducing them to others outside their Weekend experience.

The local and regional Ultreyas are always a good opportunity to witness to our Lord and to benefit from the friendships that are developing, often outside Parish boundaries.

Sponsoring is not just for a short term, it has a continuing element even up to twelve months - this is why it can be helpful to have other Cursillistas from your Parish being involved. Sponsoring can be a very rewarding experience, even though as you can see, it is not something to be taken lightly.

**Speak to God first about people
before speaking to people
about Cursillo**

Anglican Cursillo Tasmania

Heading

PRAY

ASK

INFORM



NURTURE

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is a privilege and also an enormous responsibility. This is being undertaken for our Lord Jesus Christ and therefore has benefits beyond human understanding. The responsibilities are two-fold: the first to the Movement, for it is essential to have new candidates to maintain the vibrancy and continued expansion of the Movement and secondly to the participant to enable them to have a closer and renewed walk with Christ. It is also a wonderful way to show gratitude and an ongoing commitment to all that this God given movement has meant in your life.

PRE CURSILLO

1. Pray, seeking God's guidance
2. Have the personal attributes to be a sponsor - look at your own spiritual journey:
 - Are you leading an active Christian life?
 - Can you witness to the love of Christ in your own life?
 - Are you a member of Group Reunion? (This is where you can invite your candidate to join)
3. Discuss and pray with your Group Reunion or Parish Rep. and Parish Cursillistas. Consider even the possibility of group sponsorship
4. Speak to the person's Rector as to their suitability, before speaking to the person.

Attending a Cursillo is not like a ticket that has to be purchased, nor a list that tells when it is your turn to climb aboard the Cursillo Weekend, it is rather a taking a good look at the potential 'field', ploughing and fertilizing the ground, so that falling seed may find rich and friendly soil. But even then, as the Gospels tell, some seeds produce 30, some 60 and some 100 fold.

A candidate should arrive on the Thursday evening with

1. a listening attitude, so that they can be open to the truth
2. a friendly attitude so they can be open to others
3. an openness to change, so they can be open to themselves & not have a preconceived unrealistic self image
4. with being so absorbed in their own personal and family concerns that they are closed to other social and environmental problems - in this case they may leave at the end of the Weekend satisfied with a personal solution, but perhaps with very little concern for the problems of their own community or any other environment.

THE THREE DAYS

During the Weekend, pray for your candidate and the others as well as the team.

Do send Palanca - a note of encouragement from someone they know means so much.

Be at Mananita and Clausara, seeing your loving face and realising the sacrifice it may have been for you to be present, is such an indicator of your Christian caring through the Cursillo Movement.

Make sure your candidate can return home easily - you may have already arranged to give them a lift. This can be a very valuable time for them to talk about their feelings and experiences, especially if their spouse has not already been involved.