

SPONSOR'S FORM for CURSILLO No. 107

Episcopal Cursillo in the Diocese of North Carolina www.nccursillo.org

Mail to: Sponsor Form, Box 357, Whitsett, N.C. 27377

This form must accompany pilgrim's application and deposit.

Pilgrim's name _____

Pilgrim's address _____

Pilgrim's e-mail address _____ @ _____

Person to notify in emergency _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Answer each of these questions. You have an obligation to your participant.

Have you reviewed the sponsor's guidelines on Page 2 of this form, explained the pertinent guidelines to the participant, and agreed to uphold all the requirements listed? Yes No

Have you explained the weekly group reunion and Ultreya to your participant? Yes No

Are you prepared to support your participant in the Fourth Day program? Yes No

Are you and your participant prepared to attend the Fourth Day Workshop? Yes No

Have you explained that the weekend is not a quiet retreat? Yes No

Will you be providing transport to and from the Weekend? Yes No

If not, how will the Pilgrim travel? _____

To help the team know the participant better, describe him or her. Include health problems or restrictions. Explain in detail why you recommend this participant. Be specific; use back of sheet if needed.

To be considered, a participant must submit this form. He or she will be notified when accepted for a weekend.

Please inform the Cursillo weekend leader immediately of any change in your pilgrim's status.

Sponsor's name (please print) _____ Signature _____

Sponsor's address _____

Sponsor's home phone _____ office _____ cell _____

Sponsor's e-mail address _____ @ _____ date _____

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID

Complete this section only if your pilgrim needs financial assistance from the Scholarship Fund.

Please read the section on financial aid on the back of this form. You, the sponsor, must complete this application for financial aid.

The pilgrim's deposit is included.

Yes No

The balance, \$ _____ (fill in amount), will be paid by _____ (local source of funds).

The participant will need \$ _____ from the Scholarship Fund.

I recommend this participant

for financial aid because _____

SPONSOR'S GUIDELINES

The role of the sponsor in the Cursillo movement is twofold. First, a sponsor seeks appropriate people to encourage attending a Cursillo weekend. Second, a sponsor responds prayerfully to associates who volunteer to attend a Cursillo weekend.

The role of a sponsor begins with assessing a person's potential for Christian leadership. Once the sponsor determines that a person will be a good participant, the sponsor prays for the participant, helps submit the applications, helps find financial support, if needed, helps make household arrangements (watching the children, feeding the pets, etc.) and answers questions as fully as possible (because we are not a secretive entity). The sponsor transports the participant to and from the weekend, helps the new Cursillista find a reunion group, takes the new Cursillista to the Fourth Day Workshop/Seminar held a few weeks after the weekend, and otherwise gives personal palanca. The sponsor also sees that the new Cursillista attends an Ultreya after the weekend.

Should the sponsor discover some impediment which would make the pilgrim unsuitable, she/he should *not* let the pilgrim go to the weekend! A pilgrim struggling with

emotional problems, financial distress, marriage difficulties, unexpected unemployment, etc., is too distracted to benefit from the talks and lessons of a weekend. Moreover, such a distracted person will intrude on other pilgrims' participation in the weekend.

Sponsoring a pilgrim is time-consuming and a blessing. Sponsoring a pilgrim is a significant commitment of energy and attention. Please do not take the responsibility lightly.

Sponsors and pilgrims must understand that North Carolina Episcopal Cursillo is a movement of the Episcopal Church, under the authority of the Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina. **All participants must be Episcopalians or members of denominations in good standing with The Episcopal Church.** All religious teaching on the Cursillo weekend is consistent with the teaching of the Episcopal Church. All worship during the Cursillo weekend is from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. All baptized persons who believe in the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist may receive communion on the Cursillo weekend.

SPONSORING A PARTICIPANT

I. Explain Cursillo to your participant, answer questions, and help the participant complete the application. Be sure that the participant's clergy approves of the application.

- 2. Complete the sponsor's form on Page 1. If financial aid is needed, fill in the necessary information on the sponsor's form.**
- 3. Mail the participant's application, deposit (or complete payment), and sponsor's form to the post office box at the top of Page 1. Nothing will happen until *all* the paperwork is received.**

SPONSORS:

- Pray for guidance.
- Know the goals and methods of Cursillo.
- Live the message of the weekend.
- Know the pilgrim well.
- Speak to God about the pilgrim before speaking to the pilgrim about Cursillo.
- Explain that Cursillo expects a Christian recommitment.
- Explain the Fourth Day and its plan of continuing Christian fellowship.
- Make sure the pilgrim is going because he or she wants to, not as a favor to you.
- Invite the pilgrim to an Ultreya before attending the weekend.
- Make sure the pilgrim understands that alcoholic beverages are forbidden on the weekend.
- Arrange transportation for the pilgrim to and from the weekend.
- Support the pilgrim with palanca and at the closing.
- Take the pilgrim to the Fourth Day Workshop after the weekend.
- See that the pilgrim finds a permanent group reunion and is introduced to the local Ultreya.

PILGRIMS:

- Desire to grow as a Christian.
- Want their ideas and attitudes to influence others.
- Have a willingness to listen, a friendly attitude, and a predisposition to change.
- Understand that Cursillo is not just a weekend, but a pattern of more effective living.
- Is mature, responsible, and able to make his or her own decisions.

FINANCIAL AID

If necessary, financial aid is available to assist with the fee. **It is your responsibility, as a sponsor, to explore potential sources of financial aid for all or part of the weekend's cost, before asking for assistance from N.C. Cursillo's Bishops' Fund.** These sources include your personal resources, other individuals, group reunion, and local Ultreya, clergy, parish, and parish organizations. Because the Secretariat believes that there is a greater benefit when there is a personal investment, pilgrims are encouraged to pay at least the deposit from their own resources.
