

DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD IL - CURSILLO MOVEMENT CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION

WHAT IS A CURSILLO WEEKEND?

The full name is “Cursillo De Cristiandad”, meaning “short course in Christianity”. It is a movement of Christian renewal, started in Spain in 1944 by Dr. Eduardo Bonnín. Although it is quite different from a retreat, the Cursillo Weekend complements a retreat.

During the three days of the Cursillo weekend from Thursday evening to Sunday evening, people from all walks of life grow close to one another. Religious and lay people form a living, working Christian community to gain a deep awareness of the treasures and responsibility of their faith. The goal of the Cursillo weekend is to give to those who experience the weekend a new understanding of Jesus Christ, the basic Christian Truths, and a desire to serve the church.

The Cursillo weekend is a blend of seriousness, light heartedness, spiritual exercises, talks and discussions. The teachings of Christ are discussed within an atmosphere of joy and song. There are meditations and talks by priests and laymen, and everyone making the Cursillo weekend is urged to participate by taking notes, discussing, and even by making drawings that illustrate major points.

The Cursillo weekend ends at the close of the three days. However, the whole point of the Cursillo movement is that ordinary people can steadily grow in the love and service of God and man for the rest of their lives. Christian growth is not easy, but the Cursillo weekend provided a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards. In the Post-Cursillo, after the three day weekend, emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community thus springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world to live in.

We prefer there are no distractions during the weekend so we will be asking you to please refrain from using your cell phone during the weekend.

**For many, a Cursillo weekend is a new awakening
to a deeper friendship with Christ.**

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PLEASE PRINT

Your Sponsor's Name: _____

Your Name: _____ Name you prefer to be called: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Age: _____ (Must be 21 or older)

Marital Status: _____ Spouse's Name: _____ #Children: _____

Is your spouse planning to attend a Cursillo Weekend? _____

Tell us a little something about yourself, type of work you do, or did, education etc. _____

EMERGENCY INFO: Name of person to call: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

In order for you to be as comfortable as possible during the Cursillo Weekend, please list any and all special medical or dietary arrangements that you may need: i.e. Diet, Electric Outlet, etc. _____

Are you a Catholic in Good Standing? _____ What Diocese do you belong to? _____

Parish Name: _____

Church organizations or movements you actively belong to, or offices held, if any. _____

Organizations you belong to outside of Church. _____

Who encouraged you to attend the Cursillo? _____

Please give a brief explanation of why you wish to attend a Cursillo. _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Upon completion of this form, please have your Sponsor email this application to RockfordPreCursillo@gmail.com
More specific details will be sent to you before the Cursillo Weekend.