

Sydney Anglican Cursillo

Application to Attend a Cursillo Weekend

Weekend Dates:

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Rev/Ms/etc

Christian Name

Surname:

Preferred Name (for Nametag)

Date of Birth:

Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Which Parish are you a member of?:

Suburb:

Home phone:

Work Phone:

Email:

Has the purpose and context of the weekend been explained to you ?

[If not, please ask your Sponsor.]

Please retain the attached explanation of Cursillo.

Because the Cursillo will require participation by discussion in groups, which ought to be diversified, some personal details are requested. This information will be treated as confidential and will not be retained after the Cursillo Weekend.

Marital Status:

Children:

Occupation:

Rector's name:

Organisations you are involved in?

Church:

Community:

Interests, hobbies etc:

Do you play a musical instrument & if so, what instrument?:

Are you on a special diet and if so, what is it?:

Do you have any personal matters which you may be concerned about in relation to your participation on the weekend? If so, please give details so that we may make things easier for you, if possible:

Signed by Applicant:

Date:

WHAT IS CURSILLO ?

Cursillo [pronounced "Ker-see-loh"] is a Spanish word, which means "short course".

It is a worldwide movement of the Christian Church, which seeks in its own unique way, to make it possible to experience living in a Christian Community for three very special days!

It is not a retreat as a Cursillo weekend differs from the individual solitude of retreats.

It is a structured weekend, offering selected talks and discussions, interspersed with prayer, laughter, music and songs, with times of reflection and silence.

It is a time for listening and sharing ideas presented by fellow Christians, who share the same sort of struggles as all of us.

Cursillo is an experience of Christian living ... The weekend is an experience that can be a new beginning, or a place of refreshment and encouragement on your Christian walk. It is a crucible, from which simple and effective Christian influence in our communities can grow.

Cursillo weekends are unique because everyone's experience of the Christian community is unique.

We all "encounter" Christ differently, because He meets us where we are in our journey.

The Weekend is a ministry of lay people to lay people, guided by the precepts of Scripture, within the ethos of the Anglican Church.

The idea of Cursillo is to encourage us to become disciples, or apprentices of Christ, so that we can become better equipped as Christians at work, and in the communities in which we live.

There is a Cursillo weekend for men, and one for women... The weekends are separate, as it has been found that folk are less inhibited if in the company of their own gender. There is ample opportunity for men and women to share their Cursillo experiences subsequently. Men's and Women's Cursillos are generally held on consecutive weekends ... so that spouses can share and join in the rest of the journey together.

Applications ...In order to attend a Cursillo weekend, you should have a desire to be active as a disciple of Jesus, have the capacity to cope with a highly structured weekend, and be at least 21 years old.

Each applicant is "sponsored" by someone who has already attended a weekend, who is growing in their relationship with God, and who is willing to share that growth with someone else.

As an applicant, there is no cost to you for the weekend - except 4 days of your life - That's three days during the Cursillo weekend, and a fourth day afterwards. The weekend for you is a gift, your walk with the Lord is the primary focus, an offering of Christian love through caring and encouragement.

The Cursillo Experience begins ... when you say in your heart, 'Here I am Lord, ... Send me.'

It is a weekend in the light of God's abundant GRACE

It is the start of a journey ... One of new beginnings, from which very few go back to where they were.

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Sponsor's Form for a Cursillo Weekend

Participant's full name:

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Sponsor's full name:

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Sponsor's address:

Suburb: Postcode

Home phone: Work phone

Email

Sponsor's parish Which Cursillo did you attend ?

Have you attended a Welcome Day ?

Have you read the Sponsor's Guidelines ?

Do you participate in

Bible Study

Group Reunion/Accountability Partnering/Mentoring

Do you feel your participant wants to grow as a disciple of Christ ?

Does the participant have the physical and emotional well-being needed for the weekend ?

Are you willing to:

meet the cost of the weekend for your participant, either within your means or through group sponsorship ?

be available to care for the needs of your participant's family or responsibilities during the weekend ?

arrange transport for your participant to and from the Cursillo ?

attend the Clausura ?

accompany him/her to the subsequent Welcome Day

encourage your participant to be active in his/her fourth day

If married, have you spoken to the participant's spouse about Cursillo

Have you spoken to the Parish Rector about this participant?

Date Sponsor's Signature

Amount of Payment Enclosed \$ **(A 3 day weekend costs \$250.00)**

Cheque:(Please make cheques payable to: Sydney Anglican Cursillo)

Credit Card: Type of Credit Card: Visa / Mastercard

Card Number:

Expiry Date:..... Signed.....

Direct Deposit: (BSB: 062 537, Acct No: 10021231, Acct Name: Sydney Anglican Cursillo)

(Please include weekend details & Surname – e.g. W35A Smith)

Sponsors, Please send this form, together with the participant's application form and payment to the Cursillo Registrar,
Peter Rienits, 2 Lochville St, Wahroonga NSW 2076 FAX: 9489 9914 e-mail: cursillo@tpg.com.au
Applications and payment should be received at least 6 weeks prior to the weekend

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SPONSOR'S GUIDELINES

WHEN YOU CONSIDER SPONSORING SOMEBODY TO ATTEND A CURSILLO WEEKEND:

Firstly pray for guidance in the selection of a participant. Cursillo is primarily a course for people who have already accepted Christ into their lives and who want to grow as disciples, or apprentices, of Christ. A prospective participant should have the desire to learn more about the Christian faith and to be more actively involved have the capacity to cope with a highly structured weekend, be at least 21 years old.

Be active yourself in living a Christian life, and be a living witness to the love of Christ. It is only through personal witness and encouragement that we will make discipleship attractive to prospective participants.

Remember that Cursillo is not meant to 'work miracles'. It is part of a system of encouragement and commitment to greater Christian maturity and discipleship. Participants, at the time of attending Cursillo, should be free of personal or family stress, eg recent divorce or bereavement. Some physical or psychological limitations also make it difficult to participate fully in a Cursillo weekend, so that you may have to attend yourself, as a care-er for such people to facilitate their attendance them.

Speak to the participant's Parish Rector if you are in doubt about approaching a prospective participant, or to let him know that you are intending sponsorship. Cursillo is about working in partnership with clergy.

Discuss Cursillo with the prospective participant (and spouse if there is one) and answer questions as fully as possible, including those about Group Reunion and Ultreya/Welcome Days. Avoid being secretive. Ask your Area Coordinator or a Secretariat member for more information if you need it. It is beneficial though not essential that a husband and wife attend Cursillo on consecutive weekends.

Explain that Cursillo is NOT JUST A RENEWAL WEEKEND, but a means to Christian Living.

Make yourself familiar with the goals and methods of Cursillo by reading "The Fourth Day" booklet.

Be active yourself in Group Reunion/Accountability Partnering/Mentoring. Continuing encouragement and sharing the journey is an essential part of perseverance in the fourth day. Plan to engage the participant in this.

Explain that the weekend has been paid for, and please remember that part of your commitment as a sponsor is to arrange funding for your participant, either within your means or through group sponsorship. If your prospective participant wants to pay, indicate that he or she will be given the opportunity to make an anonymous donation within their means towards future weekends. (Actual cost of a weekend may vary from year to year.)

Don't sponsor more people than you can realistically engage with, considering the commitment you are making.

Explain to your participant that an acknowledgment will be received when the application reaches the Secretariat. A second letter will follow, closer to the weekend containing further details.

YOUR COMMITMENT OF A SPONSOR:

Help the prospective participant complete an application form and return it, with the completed sponsor's sheet, to the address on the bottom of the form. **Payment must be received by the Registrar, with the Application.**

The Treasurer will acknowledge the application by sending a receipt for payment to you as the Sponsor. Subsequently, the participant will receive acceptance of the application from the Registrar, and will also receive information from the Lay Coordinator of the weekend. If you have arranged group sponsorship, please ensure that one person has agreed to assist the participant with normal preparations are made so that he/she can attend without anxiety. Undertake to be responsible (with others, if necessary) for the affairs of the family and for dependents. This may include child minding, shopping, helping with work etc. (It may be possible to involve the participant's family with your own family that weekend.)

See that your participant has transport to and from the Cursillo weekend and attend Mananita and Clausura.

Attend a Welcome Day and attend at least one Mananita with your participant, and plan to involve yourself in your participant's Fourth Day. Encourage the participant is settled in Group Reunion/Accountability Partnership/Mentoring relationship in his or her Church family, to encourage and assist him or her in the discipleship journey. If it is difficult to make these commitments, please make arrangements to share them with a co-sponsor, or your own Group Reunion/Accountability Partner/Bible Study Group.