



CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION

WHAT IS CURSILLO?

Cursillo is a Christian movement recognized by the Roman Catholic Church (and which has subsequently spread to several other Christian churches). It began in Spain in 1949 and was started by Bishop Juan Hervas and Dr. Eduardo Bonin.

Its name comes from the Spanish word "Cursillo", which means "small course." The original, full name is "Cursillo de Cristiandad", meaning "short course in Christianity."

However, it is neither a theoretical course nor a traditional retreat; it is best described as an experience. It is an experience which leads to discovering a better life and what is fundamental in Christianity.

During the three days of the weekend, participants have a deep and profound experience of Christian life:

- We get to know ourselves better (encounter self)
- We experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ (encounter with Jesus)
- We see the goodness that can be provided by a loving and caring Christian community (encounter with others)

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. The Cursillo weekend represents the first essential step along the way. Christian growth is a life-long process, and Cursillo provides a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards in the post-Cursillo, where emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community, from which springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world in which to live.

Sponsors:

Please mail application or fill one out online at www.chicagocursillo.org:

**Sigrid Wonsil
403 Walnut Drive
Streamwood, IL 60107-1235**

If you have any questions or comments, please call (630) 289-3958.



Candidate Application for the Chicago Catholic Cursillo

It is important that persons wishing to attend a Cursillo are over 21 years of age, physically fit and emotionally stable. Baptized Christians are welcome. Liturgies are Catholic. To attend, you must be sponsored either by a person who has made a Cursillo or your parish pastor.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Parish and City _____

Age _____ Gender M F Marital Status Single Married Widowed Separated Divorced

Children N Y How many, ages? _____

Has your spouse attended a Cursillo? N Y When? _____

If no, does your spouse intend to attend a future Cursillo? Y N

Place of Employment / Type of Work _____

Educational Background _____

Talents / Hobbies _____

Church / Community organizations / activities _____

Other religious experiences / retreats _____

Friends who have made Cursillo _____

Please give a brief statement as to why you wish to experience the Cursillo _____

Please indicate any and all physical limitations or special medical or dietary arrangements that you may need _____

Are you presently experiencing any significant emotional or personal stress? Explain briefly _____

I wish to attend the Cursillo to be held on _____. I would / would not (circle one) be available as a short notice standby candidate. (You will be notified in advance of your status. Because of space limitations, you may be asked to wait to make your Cursillo.)

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Please return this completed application, along with the \$10 application fee, to your sponsor. Form should then be forwarded to Sigrid Wonsil, Pre-Cursillo Chair, 403 Walnut Dr., Streamwood, IL 60107-1235

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