



Candidate Application

Metuchen Cursillo Movement

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Men's Weekend

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Women's Weekend

Date of weekend: _____

Applicant Information (please print clearly)

Name:		Preferred Name :	
Address:		City:	State:
Zip:	Birth date:	Email:	
Home Phone :	Cell Phone:	Occupation:	
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced			
Spouse's Name:		Is spouse Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Parish:			
Are you free to receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Why do you wish to make a Cursillo (please explain)?			
Are there any situations that would require special attention (Health, Diet, Disabilities, Allergies, problems with stairs, etc....)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes/explain			
Emergency Contact: Name _____			
Phone: Home:		Work:	Cell:
Do you have any questions your sponsor has been unable to answer?			
I have read and understand everything contained in this application. I have provided all necessary information and answered all questions honestly and completely.			
Candidate's Signature:		Date:	

Sponsor's Name:		
Sponsor's Address:		
Sponsor's Phone:	Sponsor's Cell:	Sponsor's Email:
Sponsor's Signature:		

Candidate's Pastor or Deacon Approval

Pastor's Name:	Parish:
Phone	Email:
Is candidate free to receive the sacraments? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you recommend candidate for Cursillo? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Pastor's Signature:	Date:

1. **The Catholic Cursillo is open to baptized Catholics, 18 years of age or older.** If you wish to attend, apply through someone who has already made a Cursillo. The person through whom you apply is your sponsor. She or he will be responsible to assist you with any questions and in completing and filing this application. They will also assist you before, during and after you make your Cursillo. After you complete the application, return it to your sponsor. He or she will review and sign the application.
2. **WHAT IS A CURSILLO? (pronounced Cur-SEE-yo)**
The full name is *Cursillo de Cristiandad* meaning *Short Course in Christianity*. The Cursillo movement started in Spain in 1949 under its founder, Bishop Juan Hervas. The *Cursillo* gives those who make it a stronger understanding of basic Christian truths and the desire to serve Jesus Christ and His Church. Spanish terms such as *Cursillo* and *Cursillista* are used as a matter of tradition, since the movement is of Spanish origin, but no clique language is intended or implied. A cursillista is a person who has made a Cursillo.
3. **HOW OFTEN DO YOU MAKE A CURSILLO?**
You make a Cursillo only once in your life, but you are expected to build upon it for the rest of your life.
4. **WHAT IS ITS FORMAT?**
The Cursillo is a blend of seriousness and lightheartedness, of spiritual exercises and conferences. Spiritual exercises include daily Mass, individual and group prayer, visits to the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. There are meditations and conferences by priests and laypersons. During the conferences the candidates are urged to take notes. After each conference the cursillistas are divided in groups to discuss the talks and participate in a variety of activities.
5. **IS THERE A FEE?**
There is a fee for the weekend which includes all expenses (room, meals, conference/dining, and the Chapel). Please contact your sponsor for exact cost. A \$100 non-refundable deposit must accompany your application. The balance is required 21 days before the start of the weekend. **Checks should be made out to Metuchen Cursillo Movement.** Please send your application and deposit to: Linda Ambrosio, 307 Tabb Avenue Piscataway, NJ, 08854 or give to your sponsor. **All applications must be submitted at least 21 days prior to the weekend.**
6. **WHAT ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS?**
Cursillistas from all walks of life – professions, business, labor – grow closer together during the Cursillo. They pray, listen, discuss, sleep, eat, sing and relax in a jovial family atmosphere. Furnishings may not be exactly like those at home, but a spirit of fellowship makes them unimportant. There is plenty of good food. We attempt to accommodate physical disabilities. Please inform us of specific needs when applying. **NOTE: All Candidates are responsible for any special dietary needs.**
7. **AFTER THE CURSILLO – THE FOURTH DAY**
Cursillo involves a formation of our Christian lives through an ongoing program of piety, study and action. The Cursillo neither pretends to, nor is able to give complete Christian formation in three days. The Cursillistas do not return home as finished products. Therefore, a *Fourth Day* program is available to continue our formation and keep aflame our enthusiasm and our commitment. Cursillistas meet in small informal groups at a time and place convenient to them, to give one another spiritual support and apostolic encouragement. This is called a **Reunion Group**, and there are separate groups for men and for women. Also, both men and women meet together for a monthly meeting, called an **Ultreya**. For convenience, Ultreyas are held throughout the Metuchen Diocese, and have a priest, sister, or deacon as a Spiritual Advisor that meets with the group.
8. There is a special Fourth Day GROUP REUNION for all new Cursillistas and Team Members on the second Saturday after the Cursillo Weekend, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. **Please plan to attend this event.** More information will be provided during your weekend.