### Great Sponsorship is the key to Good Pilgrims and hence Active Cursillistas It is vital to the continuing success of the Cursillo Mission Movement to start well.

WHO SHOULD BE A SPONSOR?
WHO SHOULD BE A PILGRIM?
WHAT ARE A SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

#### **IDEALLY A SPONSOR SHOULD**

- be an active member of his/her congregation
- be a member of a group reunion and attending Ultreyas
- have been a Cursillista for at least six months
- be active in Fourth Day activities
- understand and be conveying to others the purpose and goal of Cursillo
- be aware of what is expected of pilgrims.

#### A PILGRIM SHOULD

- be at least 20 years old (essential)
- be a member of an Anglican or co-operating (or similar) parish (essential)
- be a mature Christian active in the parish
- be likely to benefit from the weekend
- know about and have the courage to follow through Fourth Day involvement
- be influencing or in a position to influence environments
- be free of personal problems at the time of application.

#### A SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Pray about the step to be taken, consult with Group Reunion members, obtain a "Sponsorship set" and read it!
- Consult with pilgrim's Vicar before approaching the pilgrim
- Explain fully to the pilgrim the Cursillo Movement and why the sponsor believes the pilgrim to be a suitable candidate
- Ensure that the pilgrim reads the pamphlets 'Introducing Cursillo' as well as the Rainbow flyer before signing the application form
- Explain to the pilgrim the format and content of the three day weekend
- Advise the pilgrim of the costs involved and discuss any problems
- Encourage the pilgrim to join a group reunion and attend an Ultreya before attending the weekend
- Assist the pilgrim to fill out the application form
- Transport the pilgrim to the weekend or make sure the pilgrim is not travelling alone
- Check and confirm that family needs etc. are met while the pilgrim is on the weekend
- Continue to pray daily for the pilgrim
- Attend the Mananita and Clausura at the weekend (unless impracticable)
- Ensure transportation home for the pilgrim
- Arrange for the pilgrim to attend a Day of Deeper Understanding as soon as possible and attend with the pilgrim
- Ensure that the pilgrim has a group reunion to attend and encourage the pilgrim to attend it regularly
- Ensure the pilgrim attends local, area and national Ultreyas and attend with the pilgrim if possible
- Ideally the sponsor (as a team member) and the pilgrim should not attend the same weekend
- Keep in touch regularly with the pilgrim for twelve months following the weekend to ensure that the pilgrim is integrated into the mission movement and fulfilling the Fourth Day
- Ideally should not sponsor another pilgrim during that 12 month period

## IF THE SPONSOR HAS PROBLEMS WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE RESPONSIBILITIES, CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR HELPFUL ADVICE

#### IN CONCLUSION

There are many Saints in heaven now who have not made a Cursillo and there will be many more that will enter there without making a Cursillo. So

- Do not develop a "holier-than-thou" attitude. Cursillo Mission Movement is only one of many instruments for spiritual growth.
- Do not harass people about Cursillo, insisting they should go.
- Always remember Cursillo is part of the Body of Christ so be open about all aspects of Cursillo, except the surprises!
- Cursillo is a "short course" to be experienced, rather than explained. It must be lived from beginning to end to really get to know it.
- Emphasise Christ's work, not Cursillo, and do not form a clique with other Cursillistas or use Cursillo type phrases when it might give offence.
- Always keep your face to the world, not to the Cursillo Movement. It is about changing the environment for Jesus.

The Cross you received at the end of your Three Days is a reminder of what Jesus has done for you, and how much it cost Him to redeem you. It will also remind you that He calls you to make His redeeming love known where you live and work, and what it will cost you if you respond to that call.

Christ is counting on us!

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