



Dear Candidate,

**We are excited that you are considering living a Cursillo. Below is a detailed description of the weekend, along with the financial responsibilities. Please detach, read and discuss it with your sponsor.**

**Cursillo is a world-wide movement of the Christian Church** which strives to Christianize environments through Christian communities in action. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared in any area of human life where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God in an ongoing manner.

**Cursillo (pronounced Coor-see'-yo)** works to form a group of people who are Christian leaders providing backbone for Christian life in the world. Cursillo is designed to make it possible to live what is fundamental to being a Christian, in living in union with Christ and desiring to bring others to Christ.

**Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "little" or "short course."** The three-day Cursillo weekend provides a living experience – meeting Christ, meeting fellow Christians, and experiencing how they live. It begins on a Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday evening. During these three days, those attending live and work together, listening to and discussing talks given by priests and lay people. The talks on the weekend have a specific purpose to present a vision of the Christian life and, therefore, do not provide a general introduction to Christianity or a summary of all Christian doctrine.

The basic atmosphere of a Cursillo weekend differs from the individual solitude of a retreat. **During the three days, the teachings of Christ are discussed in a climate of joy. The talks and discussions are interspersed with prayer, Eucharist, songs, recreation, laughter, and moments of reflection and silence.** It is a joyous workshop in the fundamentals of our beautiful Christian Faith where everyone learns by experiencing a living Christian community.

**The Fourth Day is the rest of the Cursillista's life where his own contact with Christ is maintained through individual prayer, study, and action.** In the Cursillo Movement, the community spirit is continued after the weekend through small reunions of friends, and "Ultreyas" or reunions of the community, which support and **encourage Cursillistas to Christianize their environments.**

**By resolution of the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee (11 October 1986), candidates for Episcopal Cursillo will be members of the Episcopal Church.** Members of other Christian churches should be directed either to the Roman Catholic Cursillo, the Tres Dias Movement, or Walk to Emmaus. The contact persons for these bodies are listed in the Fourth Day newsletter.

This is only an application for a Cursillo weekend. It is not a guarantee of an acceptance for any specific weekend. In the future, you will receive a separate "invitation" to a weekend from the chairperson of the Applications committee.

**During the weekend, a group photo will be taken of everyone in attendance.** A hard copy of the picture will be made available to each participant at the end of the weekend – to serve as a special memento. Long Island Episcopal Cursillo would like to post this picture – without individual names on its Webpage and Facebook page entitled: "Long Island Episcopal Cursillo." Please note: no other pictures will be taken on the weekend and no other pictures will be posted on Facebook.

**The cost of the weekend is \$265.**

**A \$65.00 deposit must be sent along with this application. If you do not attend the weekend, the deposit will be returned to you. Please make check payable to: "Long Island Episcopal Cursillo".**

**If you are unable to afford part of the weekend, please speak with your sponsor to discuss options.**

# LONG ISLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

## CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

Cursillo is a worldwide movement of the Episcopal Church. It provides a method of living a Christian life where one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared. The three-day weekend experience is a joyous introduction into a supportive and growing community of friends in Christ – men and women who are working to bring Christ into their everyday lives. Cursillo is designed to make it possible to live in union with Christ and to desire to bring others to Christ.

**Please print or type all information on this form.**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female Other

Preferred name for nametag \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Widow(er) \_\_\_\_\_ Div./Sep \_\_\_\_\_

If married, spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse planning to live the Weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Education Completed (circle all that pertain to you): High School College (years \_\_\_\_\_)

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes No Member of the Episcopal Church? Yes No

Parish Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Diocesan Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Community Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have friends or know others who have attended a Cursillo weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any HEALTH problems or other needs which we should be aware of (e.g. medication, special diet or physical limitations, i.e. wheelchair, walker, visual, hearing, etc.)? Yes No**

**Explain if yes** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

**Rector's Approval**

The Cursillo weekend can be powerful and evoke strong emotions. Before signing the form, we ask the rector of applicants to evaluate if this would be a good time for the candidate to participate in a weekend. Please take into consideration any physical, psychological, emotional or spiritual issues that might interfere with the candidate's participation in this weekend. The weekend is an experience and it is recommended that both husband and wife attend their weekend at the same time so they can share and support each other as they grow in their spiritual journey.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am the applicant's priest and believe that he/she is an appropriate candidate for Cursillo.

\_\_\_\_\_ Rector's Signature

**Sponsor**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Which Cursillo # Weekend did you live and where? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known your candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

What environments do you and your candidates have in common? (*i.e. Family, Friend, Work, Social, Parish, etc.*)

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**Have you gone over the cost of the weekend information with your candidate, as outlined in the cover letter?**

Have you explained Group Reunion and Ultreya to your candidate? Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Signature

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