

DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD, IL – CURSILLO MOVEMENT  
CANDIDATE’S APPLICATION

## **WHAT IS A CURSILLO WEEKEND?**

The full name is “Cursillo De Cristiandad”, meaning “short course in Christianity”. It is a movement of Christian renewal, started in Spain in 1944 by Dr. Eduardo Bonin. Although it is quite different from a retreat, the Cursillo weekend complements a retreat.

During the three days of the Cursillo weekend from Thursday evening to Sunday evening, people from all walks of life grow close to one another. Religious and lay people form a living, working Christian community to gain a deep awareness of the treasures and responsibility of their faith. The goal of the Cursillo weekend is to give those who make it a new understanding of Jesus Christ, the basic Christian Truths, and the desire to serve the church.

The Cursillo weekend is a blend of seriousness, light heartedness, spiritual exercises, talks and discussions. The teachings of Christ are discussed within an atmosphere of joy and song. There are meditations and talks by priests and laymen, and everyone making the Cursillo weekend is urged to participate by taking notes, discussing, and even by making drawings that illustrate major points.

The Cursillo weekend ends at the close of the three days. However, 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. Christian growth is not easy, but the Cursillo weekend provided a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards. In the Post-Cursillo, After the 3 day weekend, emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community thus springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world to live in. We prefer there are no distractions during the weekend so we will be asking you to please refrain from using your cell phone during the weekend.

For many, a Cursillo weekend is a new awakening  
to a deeper friendship with Christ.

Upon completion of this form, please have your Sponsor email to [rkfrdcursillo@gmail.com](mailto:rkfrdcursillo@gmail.com)

More specific details will be sent to you before the Cursillo Weekend.

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**It is Important that anyone considering a Cursillo realize that only individuals who are 21 years of age or older, physically well, emotionally stable and a practicing Catholic in Good Standing should plan to attend.**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ What you prefer to be called \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency info: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Catholic in Good Standing? \_\_\_\_\_ What Diocese do you belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

In order that you are as comfortable as possible during the Cursillo weekend, please list any and all special medical or dietary arrangements that you may need: i.e. Diet, Electric Outlet, etc.....

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Place of employment, type of work, educational background, (Married women include before married.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Church organizations or movements you actively belong to, or offices held, if any.

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Organizations you belong to outside of Church. \_\_\_\_\_

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Who encouraged you to attend the Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Spouse planning on attending a Weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief idea of why you wish to attend the Cursillo. \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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