

We as Cursillistas and SPONSORS should:

- ✓ Know, at least in a general way, the purpose of the Cursillo Movement.
- ✓ Read and apply the information contained in The Cursillo Movement's Sponsor's Booklet.
- ✓ Know the candidate (friend) as much as possible, and pray for direction from the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Give an authentic witness of one's Christian life, that is, to live the message being proclaimed.
- ✓ Provide the candidate with a copy of the booklet: The Cursillo Movement – What Is It?
- ✓ Spark the desire for a hunger for God and make it grow; promote an attitude of conversion.
- ✓ Take responsibility for the perseverance of the candidate until they are fully incorporate into his/her own Christian community.
- ✓ Provide the Secretariat, Precursillo section and Team all the relevant facts about the personality and disposition of the candidate.
- ✓ Follow-up with the new Cursillista to see how their Fourth Day is going in regards to living their tripod and evangelizing their environments.

Sponsor

The person or group who through the action method of: make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ, selects and prepares the candidate in the Precursillo, for the Cursillo with a view toward Postcursillo. The person or group that selects and prepares a candidate for the Cursillo, continuing afterwards until the Cursillista becomes a part of a Christian community.

Environment

The Spanish word “ambiente” which is commonly translated “environment” has a slightly different meaning than the English word “environment.” The environment is the “combination of ideas and circumstances which are sustained by the persons who surround us”. The environment is the result of people gathering together (working together, playing together, talking together).

It is what results from their interaction. Therefore, the apostle has to think about more than the individual persons. He/she has to think about the situation which results from their interaction. Not only does he/she have to work with the individual persons, he/she also has to work on the situation as a whole.

Palanca

Palanca means the prayer and sacrifice which is offered to God to obtain something. Palanca should accompany all apostolic action. The Spanish word “Palanca” means, “lever.” It came to be used to describe “intendencia” (prayer and sacrifice), because a lever allows a person to move things which are beyond normal strength, just as prayer and sacrifice allow an apostle to accomplish more than otherwise be capable of. In the English-speaking Cursillo Movements, “Palanca” was adopted as a standard term because there is no word in English to describe prayer and sacrifice undertaken specifically to obtain a favor from God.

Cursillistas and Cursillo leaders are encouraged to read these materials in order to have a better understanding of the Sponsor's role and responsibilities:

- OMCC, *The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement*, National Cursillo Center, 1992, 269 pages.
- U.S. National Secretariat, *Leaders' Manual*, National Cursillo Center, 2006, 230 pages.
- U.S. National Secretariat, *Sponsor's Booklet*, National Cursillo Center, 2008, 44 pages.