



## Sponsor Instructions

### Cursillo in Christianity

1. Please advise your candidate that cell phone use is highly discouraged. In the case of an emergency the candidate can be reached by calling Maryville Retreat Center at 248-634-5566 or by contacting the Head Cha. Pre-Cursillo will be calling with Head Cha information prior to the weekend.
2. **IMPORTANT:** At least one week prior to the weekend, please fill in and print the missing information on the second page of this document and give it to your candidate for the purpose of sharing it with their spouse, a family member or a significant other.
3. Please let your candidate(s) know that Cursillo is a Catholic Movement. If your candidate is under 18 years of age or has a drinking, drug or emotional problems, the Cursillo Weekend is not the appropriate referral for them.
4. If your candidate is unable to keep the commitment for the weekend, it is your responsibility to notify the Cursillo Rector(a) immediately. Pre-Cursillo will be calling with Rector(a) information prior to the weekend.
5. See that your candidate's application is filled out **completely online**. They can email their application to [chrismkw@aol.com](mailto:chrismkw@aol.com). They have the option to pay a \$50 deposit or the full amount of \$235 by check made out to "Detroit Cursillo". You are to mail the check to Pre-Cursillo. Any remaining balance is due at the time of check-in.
6. Be sure to indicate any special diet, allergy or medication needed by your candidate on the Sponsor Agreement Form, especially if a food allergy is airborne.
7. Ask for Palanca or Letters of "Affirmation and Prayer" from your candidates' family and friends. Please make sure that their **full name** is written on each piece of Palanca. First name only, "Mom" or "Grandpa" etc....makes it very difficult to deliver to the right candidate!
8. **NEW:** Personal Palanca is to be written from those who know your candidate personally. One General Palanca can be written for all candidates on the weekend. We would prefer that all Palanca be brought to the retreat center on Thursday evening. If more time is needed, **Palanca can be emailed to [palancadetroit@ymail.com](mailto:palancadetroit@ymail.com)**. **\*\*\*Subject Line\*\*\*** must include: "General - Weekend Number" or "Personal - Candidate Name – Weekend Number", i.e. "General #410" or "Personal John Smith #410"

#### **What is and isn't Palanca:**

Palanca is not a thing, it is a sacrifice. A "Palanca" letter is written to reveal the sacrifice you are partaking in for your candidate and/or for all others living their Cursillo weekend. The exception to Palanca "things" is handmade items...the act of doing or sacrificing time *is* the Palanca. If you purchase an item as a Palanca gift for your candidate, please wait until after the weekend to give it to them.

#### **What is and isn't a Letter of "Prayer and Affirmation":**

For those that are outside of the 4th day community, a letter of prayer and affirmation is requested. Explain that this letter is to be a letter of love and support, i.e. "I love you", "I'm praying for you", "I support you in your journey of faith". You can, of course, encourage family and friends to partake in a sacrifice (from praying the rosary to cleaning the house!) and then reveal it in their letter, which would then be a true "Palanca"!

#### **Thursday Evening you MUST:**

- Drive your candidate to the Maryville Retreat Center. Check-In 6:30 pm
- Bring your candidate's Palanca, Letters of "Affirmation and Support" and your (one) General Palanca
- Stay with your candidate until they are released to Team Members
- Once released, return to Check-In for a brief meeting and prayer

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## Candidate Information

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Information for your candidate:

- I will pick you up on Thursday evening: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- Check-in time: 6:30 - 6:45 pm. Maryville Retreat Center, 18307 Taylor Lake Rd., Holly, MI 48442
- You will have your own bedroom and attached personal bathroom.
- Pillow, bed linens and towels are provided by Maryville Retreat Center.
- Room Temperature Control Instructions will be posted on the back of your door.

What to bring:

- Respectful (modest), casual and comfortable clothing, i.e., jeans, khaki's, athletic wear, sweatshirts, sweatpants, gym shoes etc.
- Bible and/or Christian book (not required for retreat)
- Soap for shower
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Hair brush and comb
- Hair dryer and/or flat/curling iron
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Electric shaver or razor
- Pillow (if you prefer your own)
- Small blanket (just in case)
- Prescription medications

What NOT to bring:

- In an effort to maintain a retreat-like atmosphere, we highly discourage the use of your cell phone during your entire stay. We understand how difficult this may be since we too have become accustomed to being connected at all times. However, this is an opportunity to disconnect from the outside world and reconnect with Christ. If you are not comfortable leaving your phone behind, please feel free to bring it but we ask that your use is limited to emergency situations. Please refrain from bringing any other electronic devices: iPad's, tablets, lap-tops etc.

Information for your spouse, family or friends:

- Please inform your spouse, family members and friends, that you will not be using your cell phone during your weekend retreat and messages left will not be read or responded to until Sunday evening.
- In case of emergency, you may be reached by calling Maryville Retreat Center first at 248-634-5566.

If no answer, please call the Head Cha: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

- The last day of the retreat (Sunday) usually ends between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. However, from time to time, it has been known to run a bit longer. Please be patient as your loved one will return home as soon as possible!