

# *Cursillo Sponsorship*

Good sponsorship is vital to the integrity of a Cursillo Weekend.

Many communities take sponsorship for granted; they assume that everyone knows the how and why of sponsorship. Yet sponsorship is the most important job in Cursillo. It is more than just “signing up people”.

The quality of sponsorship influences the candidate, the health of the Cursillo Movement, and the church affected by the movement.

First, good sponsorship is your first act of Agape before a weekend ever begins; the experience of the weekend for a candidate really starts with how we handle sponsorship.

Second, good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each candidate. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting candidates, embody the personal commitment of the community to each candidate, and provide personal acts of agape during the three days for the candidates.

These acts of agape include the sponsor’s personal preparations for the weekend, presence at Send off, Candlelight and Closing, follow-up after the weekend, and prayer during the entire process.

Third, good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Cursillo movement that is fulfilling its true purpose – the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.

The strength of any Cursillo community is a direct result of its recruiting practices. If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong, vital force in the renewal movement.