

Make sure you give them information about future events and Ultreyas and offer to accompany them to these.

**Sponsorship** is a very special ministry. We hope that these notes will have helped you to decide whether you have the time and commitment to accept this ministry. It is a great joy and a real responsibility to sponsor a person for Cursillo. Prayer is the key throughout the whole process. You may like to use the following prayers as you undertake this task.

#### **A Prayer for the Participant**

O God, creator and saviour of all flesh, look with mercy on \_\_\_\_\_ whom you call to yourself in love. Cleanse their heart and guard them as they prepare to attend a Cursillo weekend, that, led by your Holy Spirit, they may be united with your Son and enter into the inheritance of all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **A Prayer for Cursillo**

Almighty and everlasting God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with all who use Cursillo for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things first to seek your kingdom; guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*If you have any queries about sponsoring someone for Cursillo please contact the Secretary: Beth Gascoigne, [secretary@durhamcursillo.org.uk](mailto:secretary@durhamcursillo.org.uk)*

# **Durham Anglican Cursillo®**



## ***Guidelines for Sponsors***

## **Guidelines for Sponsors in the Diocese of Durham**

Sponsorship is a loving, prayerful responsibility, which requires time and should not be undertaken lightly.

Sponsors should have completed a Cursillo weekend and be taking an active part in Fourth Day activity.

Sponsors should take into account the purposes of Cursillo and should be seeking participants who can influence their environments and who will find in Cursillo a method of support for their Christian witness in the places where they live and work.

Sponsors need to take responsibility for incorporating the new Cursillista into the Cursillo community.

Prospective participants should be committed Christians who are looking for renewal and growth in their lives and seeking a deeper personal relationship with God.

The participant should, at the time of making a Cursillo, be free of stress, e.g. recent divorce or bereavement. Usually a period of one year from the occurrence of the trauma is suggested.

It is important that the participant's parish priest knows that she/he is considering making a Cursillo. Discuss which of you will approach the priest.

If there is a problem or anxiety about this do not hesitate to contact the Diocesan Spiritual Director:

Rev'd Dr. Caroline Friswell,  
[spiritualdirector@durhamcursillo.org.uk](mailto:spiritualdirector@durhamcursillo.org.uk)

## **Before the Weekend**

- Pray continually for the participant
- Encourage them to talk over and read about Cursillo.
- Give honest answers to questions. There are no secrets in Cursillo, merely surprises.
- If necessary, help fill out the application form.
- Find some time to meet with the participant as the weekend approaches.
- Ensure they have necessary information about the location of the venue and that they know how they will get there and come back.

## **During the Weekend**

- Pray continually for the participant.
- Support them in a gentle and caring manner.
- Attend Wake Up on Sunday morning and the Closing Eucharist on the Sunday afternoon. This is important as **you** are the link between your participant and the Fourth Day community.
- Offer transport home if appropriate or necessary and attend to any other concerns.

## **After the Weekend**

- Contact your participant and arrange a visit on a day soon after the weekend.
- Consider sending a brief piece of palanca during the week afterwards - but keep it simple!
- Listen to and share their story without too much "me too."
- Introduce them to Fourth Day activity by inviting them to join your Group Reunion or helping them find another Reunion to join.