

# LCSC SPONSOR GUIDELINES

## 1. Service

- 1.1 Your service to the Pilgrims begins now—with preparation for their needs on the weekend — and continues well into the Fourth Day.
- 1.2 Your actions as a sponsor will directly affect the experience that your Pilgrim will have during the Cursillo weekend.
- 1.3 In general, you should only sponsor one Pilgrim for a given Cursillo weekend. Enlist other members of your Grouping or Community to assist you, if possible, with additional Pilgrims. If you are working the particular weekend as a team member, you should ensure that your responsibilities to the team **and** the Pilgrim will be met.

## 2. Medical and Dietary needs

- 2.1 The Cursillo can be a very emotional experience. If your Pilgrim is undergoing counseling or similar, it is critical that the counselor agree with the Pilgrim's attendance. If you have any concerns in this area, contact the LCSC Registrar immediately.
- 2.2 The sponsor will make every effort to notify the Rector/a or Registrar of the specific needs and requirements upon submitting the application for reservation.
- 2.3 The sponsor is ultimately responsible to ascertain any dietary restrictions, preferences or medical needs that will require special preparations or possible treatment during the course of the weekend.

## 3. Transportation

- 3.1 The sponsor provides transportation to and from the Cursillo center for the weekend.
- 3.2 If you cannot provide this transportation, arrange to have your spouse or another sponsor from your church provide transportation. Your Pilgrim should arrive at the center between 7 and 8 p.m. on Thursday evening, closer to 7 than 8 if possible.
- 3.3 The Pilgrim is not to drive his or her own car to the Cursillo Center.
- 3.4 Offer to pick up a sandwich for the Pilgrim on the way to the center or plan to stop for a quick meal, as they probably will not have had dinner. There is no provision for the Pilgrim to eat a meal at the Center on Thursday evening.

## 4. Palanca

- 4.1 Traditionally, Pilgrims on an LCSC weekend receive a banner. If a banner is not required, you will be notified in the notification letter. **The banner should be at the Cursillo site by Friday Morning.**
  - 4.1.1 You are responsible for your Pilgrims' banner(s), but you do not have to make them all yourself.
  - 4.1.2 A Pilgrim should receive **one** banner from his/her sponsor or spouse, if the spouse has already attended a Cursillo, or if a single parent, his/her children could help the sponsor make the banner.
  - 4.1.3 Banners should not exceed 25" by 23" (approximately the size of an unfolded sheet of newspaper; for example the front page of the LA Times).
  - 4.1.4 Simplicity is urged. It is highly recommended that banners be made of felt, or some like material. Banners that relate to the theme verse are encouraged or to some special aspects of the Pilgrim's life.
  - 4.1.5 Other resources for banners are other Cursillistas in your church community.
    - 4.1.5.1 If you need help in providing banners, contact the Palanca Chairman or Parish Representative at your church.
    - 4.1.5.2 You may host a Palanca party with the Parish Rep or Palanca Chairman, where others

could assist you in designing and preparing a banner.

#### 4.2 Each Pilgrim receives a devotional book from the sponsor.

- 4.2.1 You may want to give a book which meant a great deal to you, and which you want to share with the Pilgrim. Please wrap the book with the Pilgrim's name clearly marked.
- 4.2.2 The book must be available at the beginning of the weekend (Friday Morning at the Latest) so that it may be given out with other Palanca during the weekend.

#### 4.3 Palanca Items.

- 4.3.1 Personal Cards and Notes are encouraged. You may want to list the prayers and sacrifices that you are making for the Pilgrim(s) during the weekend.
- 4.3.2 Encourage other Cursillistas to contribute notes and cards for your Pilgrim.
- 4.3.3 T-shirts, cups, shirts, etc. should be presented to the Pilgrim's after the weekend's Clausura.

### 5. Additional Concerns

- 5.1 Deliver the *Palanca* to the Cursillo center as soon as possible.
  - 5.1.1 On Thursday night, when you arrive with your Pilgrim, you can drop it off with the *Palanca* Team. Please do not display it to your Pilgrim.
  - 5.1.2 All *Palanca* must be received at the Center no later than Friday morning.
- 5.2 Keep in touch with Pilgrim's family during the weekend.
  - 5.2.1 The **Emergency number** at St. Joseph's Rosemead is **(626) 280-8622 ext. 23. If you reach Voicemail, please call back in a few minutes. At the present time, we cannot recover the Centers Voicemail.**
  - 5.2.2 Check with the Pilgrim's Family during the weekend. Let them know all is under control.
- 5.3 The sponsor should attend Mañanitas and Clausura.
  - 5.3.1 **You should arrive at the center for *Mañanitas* on Sunday Morning by 5:50 a.m.; it starts promptly at 6:00 a.m. Flowers for Mañanitas are not provided by LCSC; bring your own or candy to pass out. Clausura generally starts around 4:00 p.m.; try to arrive in time to recover your Pilgrim's material from the dorm before Clausura. Scheduled Clausura time will be announced at *Mañanitas***
  - 5.3.2 **Pilgrim's Children should not be brought to Mañanitas or Clausura. Pilgrim's spouses should not come to Mañanitas. Only Spouses who already attended a Cursillo should attend Clausura, Children of the Pilgrim should have their reunion with their parents at home.**
    - 5.3.2.1 The Clausura proceedings are sometimes lengthy and emotional.
    - 5.3.2.2 Children will want their parents all to themselves.
    - 5.3.2.3 Husbands and wives need time to talk about their weekend experience.
- 5.4 Encourage the Pilgrim to attend the Ultreyas and get into grouping after the Cursillo weekends.
  - 5.4.1 Offer to drive them to the Ultreyas and grouping locations.
  - 5.4.2 Get your Cursillistas into a group.
    - 5.4.2.1 **Getting the new Cursillistas into a group is the most important post weekend duty of a sponsor.**
    - 5.4.2.2 Help them form a group, or become a member of an existing group.
    - 5.4.2.3 You may wish to sit in on their group for a few sessions to help keep the new group on track.
    - 5.4.2.4 If your group members agree, you may invite the new Cursillistas into your group.

### 6. Additional Questions?

- 6.1 If you have additional questions, please contact your LCSC Parish Representative, the LCSC

Registrar or any LCSC Secretariat Member.

6.2 LCSC's mailing address is: **LCSC; P.O. Box 5203; Cerritos, CA 90703-5203**

6.3 LCSC has a website — **[www.lcsocal.org/](http://www.lcsocal.org/)** — that has additional information.