

# **DeColores Ministries of Grand Rapids**

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## **DUTIES OF A SPONSOR**

Now that you have made a DeColores Ministries Weekend, you will want to share this experience with a friend or relative. In love for this person, you will want only what is best for them. So, please consider the following:

Cursillo and DeColores Ministries both are a short course in Christianity. Its purpose is to bring others to know Christ and spread HIS message of love and good news. Another Weekend goal is to make leaders of lay people in their home church and community.

In sponsoring a Candidate for a weekend, you make yourself responsible for this person's well-being *before, during, and after* the Weekend. If your Candidate is ready to attend a weekend, give him or her an application to complete. You should complete the SPONSOR'S Form, obtain the Pastor's recommendation, and return it along with the CANDIDATE'S form and application fee to the Pre-DeColores persons.

***Prepare your Candidate for a possible wait, as Weekends are filled on a first application received, first application invited basis.*** Also, there are only a few Weekends every year. When your Candidate is selected, he or she will receive an invitation and you will receive a notice of your Candidate's invitation. Be sure your Candidate responds within the prescribed time period as to whether he or she will attend.

When your Candidate attends, drive him or her to the facility. Stay with your Candidate during the welcoming reception, and attend the sponsor's chapel immediately following. During the Weekend, support him or her with prayers and Palanca. Be prepared to help his or her family at home with meals, baby-sitters, transportation, or any other need.

You should attend Holy Hour, and encourage your Candidate's spouse to attend also. Answer any questions truthfully and as best you can. You should also attend the Community Serenade, and Closing. Be prepared to return your Candidate home and spend some time sharing the Weekend with either him or her. Encourage and support his or her Fourth Day activities. You will receive instructions about two weeks before the Weekend.

If for any reason, you cannot fulfill your duties as a Sponsor, please find someone willing to do them.

**A FEW WORDS OF CAUTION:** This Weekend is not for everyone. People who are having emotional problems, such as separation, divorce, alcoholism or other problems may find this Weekend too overwhelming. It may contribute to, rather than help, their problems. Many people with these problems have enjoyed the Weekend and found the inner joy and happiness we all seek. You must decide what is best for your Candidate.

As you are aware, the Weekend's pace is hectic. Please consider your Candidate's health limitations or physical restrictions in discussing the Weekend with him or her. Remember, you have experienced an environment of total love for three days and your Candidate has been in the 'Reality of Today's World.' They are two very different worlds. Do not let your enthusiasm "overpower" your Candidate and push them away from attending a Weekend. In short, know where your Candidate is spiritually before submitting an application.

The Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids asks that as Sponsors (both Roman Catholic and Protestant), we strongly recommend to Roman Catholic Candidates that they attend a Cursillo Weekend.

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