

S. W. Michigan DeColores Ministries, Inc.

Duties of a Sponsor

The sole purpose of a DeColores weekend is to make leaders of lay people in the home, church and community. DeColores Ministries is a short course in Christianity and its purpose is to bring others to know Christ and to spread His message of love and good news. As a sponsor, you make responsible for the person's well being before, during AND after the weekend.

Sponsor's Check List

- ✓ Have I been upholding my candidate and his/her family with lots of prayer?
- ✓ Have I made arrangements to take my candidate to the weekend?
- ✓ Have I invited his/her family to Holy Hour and to Sunday Service?
- ✓ Have I seen to the needs of my candidate's family while he/she is away?
- ✓ Have I been doing (and will continue to do) palanca for my candidate?
- ✓ Have I made arrangements to attend the closing and to return my candidate to his/her family when the weekend is over?
- ✓ Have I explained the concept of group reunion and ultreya to my candidate?
- ✓ Have I told my candidate what my group reunion means to me?
- ✓ Have I committed myself to the job of following through with my candidate for *at least* three months after the weekend is over? (follow up meetings, ultreyas, reunion groups)
- ✓ Have I made arrangements to place my candidate in my group or another?

Sponsor's Role

- ❖ Be a companion, guide, model and witness
- ❖ Assist candidate in going to follow-up meetings, ultreyas, reunion groups
- ❖ Encourage participation in DeColores community
- ❖ Be a model of faith
- ❖ Help them achieve the proper goal of the Cursillo-DeColores weekend—the clear and full proclamation of the Word of God and the living witness of those who proclaim it—piety, study, action

Weekend Responsibilities

- Bring candidate on Thursday evening
- Attend sponsor's chapel
- See to the needs of the family
- Invite family to Holy Hour—introduce to friends and make sure you have your song book so they know the words to the songs
- Invite family to Sunday services—make it a point to know the time of the service
- Encourage family/friends to write notes to candidate for palanca
- Send palanca to your candidate