

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SPONSOR

(Sponsors keep for reference)

In sponsoring a candidate for a weekend, you are making yourself responsible for this person's well-being before, during, and after the weekend. It is suggested that a potential candidate be exposed to either a Holy Hour or an Ultreya. When the person is ready, give them a registration form to complete. When you receive the form from your potential candidate, you should complete the sponsor's part of the form and return the registration form, along with the registration fee to the Registration person(s). It is outlined in our By-Laws that with married couples, the husband will attend a weekend before the wife. If the husband refuses to attend, there will be a one weekend wait before the wife's registration will be activated. Any questions about a particular situation should be directed to the Registration person(s) first.

All candidates who have a registration form on file will be sent an invitation to the upcoming weekend and their sponsor will be notified. It is your responsibility to contact your candidate as soon as possible so that you can answer any questions they may have and to insure they understand the importance of responding to the invitation. The RSVP postcard must be mailed back as soon as possible in order to secure a position on the weekend. Weekends are filled on a first come, first served basis. The first (30) candidates to RSVP will be confirmed on the weekend (this number may vary per weekend as physical space allows). Candidates may also RSVP by phone or email. Once your candidate has been confirmed on the weekend, they will receive a letter of confirmation containing specific information for the upcoming weekend. Sponsors will also receive a confirmation letter.

Once your candidate has been confirmed, you should discuss the weekend with them and answer any questions as fully as possible. You should also suggest what items they should take along with them (this information will also be included in the confirmation letter). You are responsible for delivering your candidate to the weekend and helping them in any way you can. Support your candidate with prayers and palanca. Be prepared to help their family at home with meals, babysitter, transportation, or any other need. If a husband is making the weekend, suggest to his wife that she attend Holy Hour and offer to take her there. Encourage her to ask questions and try to answer any she may have. A sponsor should attend Sponsor's Chapel, the Serenade and Closing. Be there to pick up your candidate and spend time sharing the weekend with them. Encourage and support them in the Fourth Day activities, Reunion groups, Ultreyas, etc... **Follow-up should continue until your candidate has had time to decide whether the DeColores method will become a part of their life.**

A few words of caution: A DeColores weekend is not for everyone. Persons who are having emotional problems (such as separation, divorce, alcoholism, or other problems) may find a weekend too overwhelming. It may contribute to, rather than help their problems. Many people with these problems have enjoyed a weekend and found the inner joy and happiness we all seek. You must decide what is best for your candidate. Also, as you are aware, the pace of a weekend is hectic. Consider any health limitation or physical restrictions your candidate may have when discussing the weekend with them.

Lastly, remember you have experienced an environment of total love and your candidate has been in the "real 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 a registration form.

DeColores is a beautiful tool. Please use it and pass it on with LOVE.