SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret the Great Banquet, and help you to understand your responsibility in sharing God's grace as a Sponsor. The responsibility of the growth of a new Banquet guest rests squarely on the shoulders of you, the sponsor.

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Remember only people who have been through a 72 hour experience (Emmaus, Great Banquet, Cursillo, Awakening, etc) may attend Send off, Candlelight and Closing.

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Follow these steps to be a good sponsor:

1. Select a guest who wishes to strengthen their spiritual life; who wants to have a better understanding of prayer, the sacraments, study and Christian action; who strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God; or who seeks to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known.

2. Be intentional about talking to the prospective guest about the Banquet. Make a specific date (or at least be intentional) to explain all about the Banquet. Answer all their questions. If the person is married, talk to both husband and wife, equally, and get both of their commitments. Tell the story of the Great Banquet by letting them know what happened to you at your Banquet/Cursillo/Emmaus. Tell them how meaningful the talks, chapel visits, or worship services were. We ask only that you not share about agape acts, Dying Moments and the Candlelight Service.

3. Explain to them the follow-up meeting on the Tuesday following their Banquet, (Community Gatherings are announced at Closings and in newsletters), about group reunions and Gatherings.

4. You are responsible for agape letters for your guest. Ask your guest's spouse to write an agape letter, and you are also responsible for asking all others for such letters. Ask for the names and addresses and phone numbers of other family members and close friends. Contact those people and ask for "love" letters. Letters from family and friends should have and "F" in the upper right-hand corner so they can be opened first. SPECIAL NOTE: Gifts are not accepted for guests or team members during the Banquet weekends. Gifts are better given before the Banquet or immediately following on their 4th Day.

5. When you get a letter confirming your guest, call immediately and share your joy. When speaking with your guest, be sure they call to confirm their participation. If for any reason your guest cannot attend, call immediately.

There is usually a waiting list of people who want to attend, so the sooner notification of cancellation is made, the sooner the next person on the list can be accepted.

6. Keep in touch with your guest until you bring him/her to the Send-off on the Thursday night of the weekend, at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 7th and Spencer, Logansport, IN. Help your guest get their nametag and set up their bed in the assigned sleeping area.

7. Introduce your guest to others at the send off. If, for any reason, your guest changes his/her mind about attending during this time, please call the Community Lay Director immediately.

8. Make plans to bring your guest to Send-off and plan to stay for Sponsor's Hour, which is held immediately following Send-off. This is a time when guests and team members are prayed for by name, and you can pray and sacrifice for your guest.

9. Come to Candlelight and Closing, and celebrate the weekend with your guest. Make plans to take your guest home after the Closing.

10. Bring your guest to the follow-up (4th Day) meeting Tuesday following his/her Banquet. The purpose of the meeting is to explain reunion groups.

11. Encourage your guest to be part of a reunion group or small group in which they can study, share, pray and hold one another accountable. If their church does not offer a small group ministry be sure to invite them to be part of yours, or assist them in finding a reunion group.

12. Encourage your guest to be a Christian witness in his/her family, vocation, and church. Be his/her cheerleader so Christ is shared with the world. "See how they love one another." So evidence your life that Christ and you are an overwhelming majority.

13. To help with expenses of the weekend please pay $85.00 per guest. If this is a hardship, do not worry, you can make payments, and there are scholarships to assist if needed. Contact the Community Lay Directors or Treasurer to set this up. If a check is written, or name included with cash the LBG treasurer will provide a receipt for tax purposes.

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