
Sponsoring a Candidate: What You Should Know

— Anglican 4th Day —
Diocese of Cascadia

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**Please prayerfully consider all these points before sponsoring.
Remember your own experience: the 4th Day weekend is NOT
a retreat for rest, relaxation, or alone time!**

A Sponsor's Job: Financial, Logistical, and Spiritual

- **Sponsors have a responsibility that continues past the candidate's weekend and into the "Fourth Day"!**
- Sponsorship is a **continuing relationship** and an opportunity for Christian apostolic action
- Candidates need your support **before, during, and after the weekend:**
 - Cost of registration
 - Transport and other practical concerns
 - Prayer and palanca
 - Introduction to regular Group Reunion and Ultreya

Financial Support

The Anglican 4th Day weekend is a gift to the candidates!

- **Sponsors** pay for their candidates' **registration**
 - The registration fee is **\$155** for the **2023 weekend**

Logistical Support

Sponsors must do the following for their candidates:

- Fill out the **online registration**
 - This includes the **Declaration of Faith** and the **Clergy Sponsorship Form**
- Arrange for their **transport to and from the weekend**
- Be aware of any **medical, dietary, or other physical needs** and communicate these needs to the weekend team

Spiritual Support

Before the weekend:

- **Pray** for your candidate to be prepared for God's calling for them
- **Share** with your candidate about the meaning of the Fourth Day in your own life
 - This may involve talking about the format of the weekend (silence, talks, meditations, music, Eucharist, etc.)
 - You may also introduce them to Group Reunion before their weekend
- Prepare **palanca** for your candidate: not large gifts, but notes, cards, bookmarks, etc.
 - If possible, provide **one piece of palanca per day (3 pieces total)**

Spiritual Support

During the weekend:

- Continue to **pray** for your candidate and their transformation in Christ
- If the weekend's **prayer vigil** is open to the community, consider signing up for a time to support the entire team and candidates
- **Attend Clausura** if possible

Spiritual Support

After the weekend:

- **Remember that the “Fourth Day” comes after the weekend!**
- You are responsible for helping your candidate with:
 - Continuing involvement in their church
 - Finding and participating in a **Group Reunion** (and Ultreya if possible)
- **Continue to pray for and with your candidate as God brings forth fruit in their life**

Sponsorship Options

- You may choose to take on these responsibilities as an individual
- **If you choose to sponsor as a parish or a small group:**
 - Make sure your group agrees clearly on who will handle which responsibilities
 - Pray for clarity about what role you can fully commit to
 - Pray often with and for the other members of your group
- **ALL financial, logistical, and spiritual responsibilities must be covered, either as an individual or a group!**

What to Tell Your Candidate

Make sure your candidate knows about the **practical basics**:

- Dormitory-style sleeping with shared washroom facilities
- Communal dining, with extra snacks available
- Long periods of sitting, with significant walking between buildings
- **No use of watches, phones, or other communication and timekeeping devices**

Answer questions about the weekend honestly! The point is not to keep secrets, but to ensure that your candidate is well suited for what God will ask of them during the weekend

Questions?

Please contact **Deacon Cavin Philbin**, our Anglican 4th Day Spiritual Advisor

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THANK YOU for taking on this vital role in the Christian formation
of your candidate

Christ is counting on you, and you on Him!

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