



## Sponsoring

**Sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus!** Having been blessed so amazingly by God on our own Walk to Emmaus, Sponsoring is our first act of agape.

The aim is to bring spiritual revitalisation to Christians who, in turn, will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community.

The goal is that **each of us** will have the thrill of bringing at least one person to the next Walks. Each of us has the responsibility to be faithful in this regard.

Please note that “sponsoring” someone does not necessarily mean that you pay for them!! However, in certain circumstances you may wish to do so.

## The Process:

1. Make time to pray & listen to God about whom you should invite.
2. Arrange a time to call at their home & see the person (If they're married, you will need to talk to both spouses - if at all possible)
3. Invite them to the Walk. Outline the programme using the "Information Brochure," detailing the time frame, & the cost. Explain its purpose - to develop a more vital relationship with Christ - and what it has meant to you. Answer all their questions openly & honestly - even, if necessary, telling them about one of the weekend's special events (or surprises!). **Take the attitude that you are giving the person a wonderful gift rather than that he or she needs to go.**
4. Ask the person to make a commitment by filling out the "Application Form" - or give them a few days to think about it & call back. Please do not give the Application Form to people and ask them to complete it and post it themselves to the Registrar.  
  
**NB.** Forms that are not completed with the Pilgrim & the Sponsor Data will have to be returned to be completed. Especially check that the Pilgrim has ticked the "Confidentiality of Information" box, and signed the "Applicants' Release and Indemnity".
5. Continue to pray for your prospective pilgrim before, during and after the walk. Collect 8-12 personal (Agape/Love) letters, including one from you. We want this "contact with the outside world" to be a very positive experience for each pilgrim and it is your responsibility to ensure that all those writing letters understand this. A discreet note in pencil on the back of each envelope, as you receive them, stating who they are from i.e. husband, wife, son, daughter, friend, colleague etc would be very helpful.
6. Normally it is your responsibility to bring your Pilgrim to the walk for Send Off, to help them with room location and registration. [And to bring them home after Closing.] This may not be possible if you are on the Team! Support him/her through your prayers during the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil. Sharing in the Send-Off, attending the Sponsors' Hour, Candlelight, and Closing is an expression of agape love to your Pilgrim.
7. Support the Pilgrim's Family during the Walk by baby-sitting, checking with the spouse to see if any help is needed, or doing something special for them.
8. **After the Weekend.** Stay in contact with, and support, your new Emmaus family member. Bring him/her to the Fourth Day meeting on the Tuesday evening, and to their first Gathering. Help them find or start a Reunion Group.