

The Upper Room



Fairfield County Tres Dias

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FROM THE PRESIDENT....

And a Happy New Year to you! We are already more than a month into 2010, so how's it going so far? I know I've already blown my "exercise five times a week" resolution. How about you?

Many such New Year's resolutions are rather trivial in nature. As it happens, this January 1st was a milestone marker signaling the end of one decade and the start of a new one. This offers an opportunity for some deeper reflection. On page 4 of this Upper Room there is a piece that I wrote using this decade marker as a catalyst to urge people to reflect upon two questions; "**What is God's will for my life?**" and "**Am I satisfied with how well I have accomplished it?**"

God has given each of us a calling (perhaps several callings). Paul gave a partial listing when he wrote that some are called to be teachers, pastors, evangelists, etc. There are many ways that the Lord calls us each to serve. For those of us called to be encouragers and leaders, Tres Dias can be a superb way to live out that calling. But far and away, the more significant function of Tres Dias is to empower people; helping them to be more fruitful, no matter what their calling.

Tres Dias brings people closer to Christ. It is your abiding in Christ and Christ's abiding in you that makes you fruitful. Jesus speaks of a vine to demonstrate this point in John 15. You might say Tres Dias is a way to move from the outreaches of the vine closer towards the center. Through the rollos of the weekend, sharing at secuelas, and the exploration of our Christian walk done in reunion groups, people see examples of Christ working in the lives of others and learn to be more attuned to what Christ is doing in their own lives. Tres Dias is also about developing you as a leader in your church and ministry. This is accomplished through learning from others but also by stretching you in the team experience to do things you never thought you could. Tres Dias is all about empowering people for apostolic action (empowering you in your particular calling). Through the model of Piety, Study and Action we help you to grow in your calling while maintaining proper balance to avoid burnout.

A third question in the piece on page 4 assumes you are not 100% satisfied with how well you are living up to the Lord's call in your life. It asks "**What am I going to do differently today, this next month, this next year, this next decade to better meet God's will for my life?**" I hope you will see Tres Dias' secuelas, reunion groups, and opportunities to serve on team as gifts God has provided to help you be more fruitful in your Christian walk. They are here to empower you to better meet God's call and God's will for your life. I'll see you at the secuela Friday, February 26th, at Christ's Church in Rye.

DeColores,

Gordon Quimby

WEEKEND NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you are reading this, the men of Men's 92 team are meeting in preparation to glorify God and serve the men that even now are hearing a voice urging them to know Jesus Christ in a different way.

Isaiah 30:21 (NIV)

²¹ Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

As we begin a new decade, I can't help but feel excited and hopeful for what God has in store for Fairfield County Tres Dias. This weekend represents for some of the "called" men that same hope and excitement as they respond to the voice behind them and make their way to the hilltop in Monroe.

So, listen for the voice of God through Jesus Christ as you make your way through this decade and be confident that "this is the way" to walk.

DeColores!

Timothy Peiffer
Rector, Men's 92

Happy to report that the "Meal Servers" scheduled for Men's #92 was completely filled by pescadors at the last Secuela in Springdale, Stamford. If anyone would like to be put on a "waiting list", in case of drop-offs, etc...,

please contact us,
Brenda & John Braun, either 203-377-3026 or
BJMG@sbcglobal.net

Thank you and Blessings to all.

Team – Men's 92

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UPCOMING WEEKENDS

Men's #92

Rector: *Tim Peiffer*
April 22-25, 2010

Women's #92

Rector: *Lois Daniels*
May 13-16, 2010



TRES DIAS COMMUNITY NEWS

4TH DAY REUNION GROUPS

Calling all Reunion Groups! Your trusty Post Weekend team would like to update the list of active Reunion Groups in order to give other Pescadors access to joining any open Reunion Groups. If you are currently a member of a Reunion Group, please have one member of the group contact us. The information we'd like to get includes:

1. Members of group: name & weekend number
2. Is it open (to new members)
3. If open, to whom: women pescadors, men pescadors, couples, open to pescadors and non-pescadors, e.g.
4. When it meets – day of week, time, frequency, duration
5. Location – the church name and city, state, or someone's home (name and address), for example
6. Key contact person and phone number
7. Any other key info you'd like to provide?

Please email your Reunion Group information to the Post Weekend Committee:

Posey Griffin
posey@fogartyknapp.com

&

Richard 'Kel' Kelly
Richard.Kelly@ge.com

Thank you!
Posey & Kel

PIETY

[Psalm 5:8](#)

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

Barry hated to be left out of the good times his friends had, but he hated it even worse when they went out drinking and cruising. He didn't like to drink, and his friends always mocked him because of it. Thank goodness for Jean. She had come along and given him an excuse not to go out. She really disapproved of drinking and driving, so Barry could do for Jean what he had never been able to do for himself: say no!

God gives us the reason to say no. In those areas of our life where we are too weak to say no to our friends, we can learn to say no because we know that God wants us to. So many people would lead us from path of God, many of them unintentionally. Ask the Lord for guidance. In the face of our strongest temptations, God will give us the strength and the reason to resist.

Prayer:

O God, I find myself in some terrible situations that I don't want to be in. Help me to free myself from those things I know displease You. Guide me, strengthen me, liberate me, I pray. Amen.

ACTION

1/01/10

A TIME TO REFLECT

Think back to the start of the last decade, January 1, 2000. It was a new year, a new decade, a new century, even a new millennium. We all had the BEST of intentions! Many people used the start of the year 2000 as an opportunity to set goals for the next 5 years, 10 years, even the remainder of their life.

But that was now ten years ago! January 1st of this new year brings the start of yet another decade* and is an excellent opportunity to evaluate how we are doing meeting those goals and, perhaps more importantly, evaluate the quality of the goals themselves.

The start of this new decade comes in the midst of the worst recession in generations. For many of us, our goals for career promotion, economic security, retirement homes, and fabulous vacations have fallen by the wayside. Yet it is God's way to turn all things to good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Could it be that God can use the difficulties of these times to help us discover how shallow those goals really were? A prophetic message for the start of 2010 is that if your goals have nothing to do with God, then you need to reevaluate your goals!

This is a time to ask two profound questions;

“What is God’s will for my life?”

and

“Am I satisfied with how well I have accomplished it?”

If you are not satisfied with the answers, then you need to think about: **“What am I going to do differently** today, this next month, this next year, this next decade to better meet God’s will for my life?” Do you need to get more into scripture so as to learn how to be more Christ like? Do you need to spend more time in prayer listening to God? Do you need to step out of your comfort zone and actively engage in being Christ’s hands and feet in service to those in need? God has something to say to each one of us.

01/01/10

What is God saying to you?

**The “overly educated” amongst us know that the start of the next decade doesn’t officially come until 01/01/11, a year from now. For these people, 01/01/10 marks the last year of the decade, not the first, so they now have one year left in the old decade to accomplish the above.*

Submitted by: Gordon Quimby

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING



Please keep in your hearts the families of Tom Wells, especially Genie, a faithful pescadore, of Ed Wheeler (wife, Karen) who passed away recently, of Sadie Sadler, who had been ill for a very long time. Our prayers and sympathy go out to them and to

others who have lost loved ones in their families: PC Schnell (grandfather), Mike and Karen Antici (his Dad), Mike and Carol Sikora (his Dad). May these friends experience the peace and comfort that only God can give in their grief.

We also need to keep our prayers focused on those who are ill, or recovering from surgery: Meg Nosenzo, Betty Noone, Chuck Ferrara, Rosalie Skinner, Mary Wilson, Nancy Gasper, John Monroe, and Heidi Welch, recovering from a car accident. May they all feel the touch of Jesus as he brings strength and healing to them. May their caregivers experience the Lord's

peace as they realize they are a great part of the healing process as they act as Christ's hands here on earth. God bless them all and all those whom we name in our hearts.



Thank you to Nichols Methodist in Trumbull for hosting the October mailing of the Upper Room and thank you to Linda Wechter for organizing the group of pescadors as follows: Linda/Dave Wechter, Louise MacCormack, Darron Kannenberg, Dot Lenart, Emma/Roger Gaulin, Mary/Norm Wilson.



Invite a member of the Visitation Team to visit your Church!

Help spread the GOOD NEWS about Tres Dias

Presentations can be presented during a Worship Service or "afterwards" in a small group setting, Adult Bible Study, or Adult Education sessions and can run 10, 20 or 30 minutes. The presentation will include what Tres Dias is and how it has been a life changing experience for many people, and how someone can attend a weekend. Resource material will be handed out for their perusal (Tres Dias tri-fold, etc.)

In the meantime, check out the TD website: www.tdfc.org, click on the "Promo Resource" button and find sample posters and newsletter articles you can use for your bulletin board at church. Also available is a "Clergy Brochure" you can give to your pastor/s for them to learn more about Tres Dias. Please contact Brenda and John Braun (Visitation Team Coordinators) at BJMG@sbcglobal.net to arrange for a visit.

Upcoming Secuelas

If your church would like to sponsor a secuela, please contact Posey Griffin at:
posey@fogertyknapp.com or 203-938-3438

Friday, February 26th at 7:30 PM

Christ Church, Rye, NY

2 Rectory Street, Rye, NY 10580
(914) 967-1749

From I-95 towards NY City entering NY:

Take exit **21** for **I-287 W** toward **White Plains/Tappan Zee Bridge**

Keep **right** at the fork, follow signs for **Midland Ave/Port Chester/Rye**

Turn **left** at **Midland Ave**

Turn **right** at **Grace Church St**

At the traffic circle, take the **1st** exit onto **Cross St**

Slight **right** at **Milton Rd**

Take the **1st right** onto **Rectory St**

Saturday, May 8th at 7:00 PM

North Haven Congregational, North Haven, CT

28 Church Street, North Haven, CT 06473-2525
(203) 239-5691

Directions taking I-95 North:

Take exit **48** on the **left** to merge onto **I-91 N** toward **Hartford**

Take exit **11** to merge onto **Clintonville Rd/CT-22 E** toward **N Haven**

Turn **right** at **Washington Ave**

Continue onto **Church St**

Saturday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM

Eastchester Presbyterian Church in the Bronx,

3154 Fish Ave., Bronx, NY 10469-3005
(718) 798-1855

Directions I-95 towards NY City entering NY:

Take exit **11** toward **Bartow Ave/Co-Op City Blvd**

Merge onto **Edson Ave**

Turn **right** at **Bartow Ave**

Turn **right** at **E Gun Hill Rd**

Slight **right** at **Fish Ave**

March - To be scheduled

April - To be scheduled

FAIRFIELD COUNTY SECRETARIAT

Secretariat meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except for July, August and December)
at Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien at 7:00p.m.

All Pescadores are Welcome to Attend — Please arrive at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Future Meetings:

March 9, 2010

April 13, 2010

May 11, 2010

June 8, 2010

WEEKEND PALANCA

Our home at the *Nazareth Spiritual Life Center* in Monroe is a beautiful and holy place and is home to many elderly Sisters. In order to protect their privacy, we have developed this system for leaving Palanca for our weekends.

Enter the grounds of the center and proceed straight up the long driveway, passing the castle-like building on your left. Ahead of you will be a circular drive in front of the main building which affords plenty of *temporary* parking. There is a glass enclosed entryway into the main door in the center, and in this entryway you will find our Palanca Drop Box. It is located on the left side as you face the door, and will be clearly identified as being for Tres Dias.

PLEASE do not ring the doorbell. as this would be extremely disruptive to the Sisters. An Aux will be checking the box regularly during the weekend so that Palanca can be distributed in a timely manner. We also have a PRAYER AND PALANCA Room on B1, rooms 13 and 14. Enter through the basement door to left of where candidates are dropped off. Once in the basement, go up one flight to B1. No entry after sunset. Please do not wander in the building.

We recommend that Pescadores, especially 4th day coordinators, be encouraged to sponsor "Palanca parties" and/or provide Palanca writing areas in their churches before and/or during the weekends.

Large Rollo Room Palanca items can be left beside the box, but be sure that there are no obstructions in front of any of the doors. Be sure that large Palanca items are clearly marked "**FOR TRES DIAS**".

Please respect the quiet of the Spiritual Life Center and the Sisters, who are graciously welcoming us into their home.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TRES DIAS COMMUNITY

Spiritual Life Center

1428 Monroe Turnpike (Route 111) • Monroe, CT

From Merritt Parkway:

1. Take Exit 49N (Route 25N) to end of highway/first traffic light.
2. Turn right onto Route 111 (Monroe Turnpike).
3. Go almost 7 miles, turn right at sign for "Marian Heights".
4. Proceed straight up the long driveway, passing the castle-like building on the left, to the main building.

From I-95:

1. Take Exit 27A (Route 25N and Route 8). When highway splits, stay to the left on Route 25 to end of the highway/first traffic light.
2. Continue with above directions, beginning with #2.

From I-84:

1. Take Exit 11 (Route 34). At traffic light/end of ramp, turn right.
2. At next light, turn right onto Route 34 East.
3. Go approximately 5 miles to Route 111 (Monroe Turnpike). Turn right onto Route 111.
4. To about 1 mile, turn left at sign for "Marian Heights".

**PLEASE CARPOOL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE,
ESPECIALLY FOR THE MANANITA AND CLOSING,
DUE TO LIMITED PARKING SPACES.**

OPENING: For candidates and sponsors ONLY, please arrive between 7:00 and 7:30 pm. Allow time for heavy traffic on I-95 and/or the Merritt Parkway. Proceed straight up the driveway to the circular drive in front of the building. Team Members will greet you at the door to the left of the main door.

MANANITA: Open to Pescadores of the opposite gender of the candidates. Arrive by 7:10 am, following directions from signs and Auxes. Parking is to the left, around the back of the Spiritual Life Center (Gym Parking). Enter through designated doors only. Coffee will be available. Song practice and instructions at 7:20 am sharp. Due to the new logistics and necessary instructions, please be on time. Singing at 7:50 am. ***Please note: coats/purses should be left in cars or must be worn or carried during the Mananita.***

CLOSING: Open to all Pescadores. Arrive by 4:00 pm for the closing at designated parking, and enter through the Gym Entrance.

PALANCA: Please send/deliver Palanca to support the candidates and team by:

- Giving it to Team Members to take to the weekend.
- Giving it to Sponsors to take to the Opening.
- Giving it to Mananita Singers to take on Sunday morning.
- See "Weekend Palanca" for dropping it off at the center

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