

Tres Dias of Fairfield County
Abbreviated Sponsorship Guidelines (from TresDias Essentials)

- † **Use prayerful discernment in choosing a Candidate to sponsor:**
 - Church leaders (laity or clergy);
 - Dependable church members, or less-active members who want to be more active;
 - Christians desiring renewal & Spiritual growth.

- † **Avoid inviting the following:**
 - Non-Christians;
 - Persons undergoing a severe emotional crisis (e.g. family break-up, severe grief);
 - Church-hoppers or persons with a critical spirit;
 - Persons looking for yet another spiritual high;
 - Persons living a non-Christian life style.

- † **Commit to sponsoring your Candidate in all three phases:**
 - Pre-Weekend (prepare Candidate for participation in the Weekend; Help them commit to the dates; Help them with the application process (must include Clergy signature); Forward their application when completed to Pre-Weekend Committee);
 - Weekend (prepare Candidate for effective participation in the fourth Day. See details below.);
 - Fourth Day (encourage participation in a Reunion Group, local Secretariat, & Secuelas).

- † **Sponsorship is the first act of palanca, and the most important part of Tres Dias:**
 - It should start **well in advance** of a weekend
 - It undergirds the Weekend with personal acts of sacrificial love, such as prayer and palanca.

- † **Support the Weekend:**
 - Through your prayers and palanca;
 - With attendance at Opening, Mañanita (as applicable), and Closing;
 - With support for the Candidate's family, during the Candidate's absence.

- † **Pray throughout the Weekend!**

- † **Help the new Pescadores re-enter their church.**
 - Help them consider ways to live out their new commitment within their church;
 - Help them consider ways to live out their new commitment in their environments.

- † **Inform them of opportunities to be involved in the community**
 - Invite them to attend secuelas or Secretariats.;
 - Invite them to support future week-ends with palanca and prayers
 - Mentor their involvement for a period of time (at least six months).

- † **Help the new Pescadores to get into a reunion group, or to start one.**