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2008 Weekend Dates

Spring 2008 weekends:

Men's # 85 - April 17 - 20, 2008 at Emrich, Brighton

Theme: Grace Alone, Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-10

Women's # 86 - May 22 - 25, 2008 at St. Paul of the Cross, Detroit

Theme: The Voice of My Tears, Scripture: John 20:15

Fall 2008 weekends:

Men's # 87 September 11 - 14, 2008 at Emrich, Brighton

Women's # 88 October 9 - 12, 2008 at Emrich, Brighton

Faithfulness

One of the responsibilities of this committee is to review any new materials, books, **Faithfulness**

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.” Proverbs 3: 3-4 NIV

Faithfulness has been selected by the Secretariat as the theme for 2008.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25: 14-30, Jesus tells the parable about the man of noble birth who, before he left to go to a distant country, entrusted his servants with money to invest while he was gone. One servant invested it and made 5 times the original amount. The noble man said, “Well done, good and

faithful servant.” Likewise, a second invested the money and made 2 times the amount. A third servant, because he was afraid of the noble man, buried the money and did not make use of the money entrusted to him. Two of the servants were faithful to their master; one was not.

God has entrusted us with a great treasure – the DeColores movement. Have we shared this treasure with others – or have we buried it and not made use of what we learned to help us, and others, during our Forth Day?

In my last article, *Back to the Basics*, I discussed the purpose of the DeColores movement. The ultimate purpose is not about “preaching the Good News” but it is to become the Good News, and in a natural way, our actions will become evangelical in our daily lives.

We recently received this notice from the Diocesan Secretariat of Cursillos of Christianity, Mallorca, Spain. A portion of the notice follows.

Feb 6, 2008

Eduardo Bonnin, founder of the Cursillos of Christianity Movement, but above all our teacher, brother and friend has gone to the encounter with the Father. Today, Feb 6th at 4pm, Eduardo has passed away, knowing that God loves him, believing in the resurrection and as always happy, although not satisfied. Faithful to the Gospel of Christ and open to the reality of the world and attentive to the people in his path during all his life, he has left a legacy of friendship with God and with all mankind by means of the Cursillos of Christianity.

It is now that our heart is pained by the sorrow of loss in losing in this life, someone who we loved profoundly, that our faith makes itself present in having the certainty that Eduardo is immensely happy together with the Father. And that, as he himself would say, is occasion of great happiness.

Thank you, Eduardo for having made our lives better, for having made us happier and because our lives would not have had the light of the Gospel if you had not been here.

DE COLORES AND ALWAYS!
Mallorca Diocesan Secretariat

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Eduardo not only developed the Cursillo method, he lived it. Because of him, and the power of the Holy Spirit, over 20 million people have experienced the power of the Cursillo and the Cursillo-based experiences since the 1940's. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The tribute from Mallorca also noted *"he has left a legacy of friendship with God and with all mankind by means of the Cursillos"*. Eduardo taught that everything is done best by means of friendship.

Let's take some time to reflect on our faithful-ness to the DeColores Ministries and to the community, which we serve. Let us also take time to reflect on the meaning of friendship within our community. Remember, Eduardo taught that everything is done best by means of friendship. Or, maybe, we could express it by the phrase, "make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ."

Prayer

My Dear Jesus,
 Help me to be faithful to the work that you have entrusted me to do.
 Help me to be faithful as a servant in the DeColores community.
 Help me to be a better friend to my DeColores brothers and sisters.
 Help me to be faithful in the performance of *pananca*.

Help me to be faithful to the great treasure of the gospel that you have placed in our care. Keep reminding me what a wonderful message it is so I would be eager to encourage others to trade their sin for its forgiveness; their anxiety for its peace; their despair for its hope.

Help me to not only to share the Good News, but to be a reflection of the Good News in the way I live my life.

For it is by your grace, dear Jesus, that I was chosen to be your servant. For it is by your Spirit, that I am able to serve. For it is by your faithfulness, that I am still serving you today.
 Amen

Fr. Tim Schabeck - Spiritual Director



En-DeColores

Dear friends,

As a member of the SEM-DeColores Ministries Secretariat, I would like to report that our cup runneth over. We have enough Bibles, bumper stickers, grouping cards, pencils, paper, to last through the upcoming year. There should not be an increase in the En-DeColores spending for 2008. So, if you would like a bumper sticker or grouping cards for your Ultreya. Please contact me and we can make arrangements to meet.

Do you feel that many of the same people organize and manage DeColores? Do you believe that there is no new blood in the movement? Do you ask yourself, I made the weekend what's next. Well, one of the next steps to maintaining an active role in DeColores is to become a member of Secretariat. The board serves as the executive management of the local movement. If you are interested in serving, I have a position for you!

This is the last year of my 2-year term as En-DeColores. As my term nears an end in December 2008, I would like to offer my experience to the "new" En-DeColores member. So, if you are looking for a spiritually uplifting and rewarding experience. This position is for you. All that is required is that you are willing to enjoy the gifts of God and meet once a month to discuss the future of the movement.

Your Brother in Christ, John Barge

From the Vice President:

Michelle and I would like to thank all of you for your support and for presenting us with the opportunity to serve the community as Vice Presidents. It is with regret that I have to announce that Michelle will not be able to serve this term as our Co-Vice President.

We do want to acknowledge Andy and Sarah Kittle, who ran against us! They deserve all of our prayers for the commitment that they have made and continue to make to our DeColores family!

As we start our journey in faith this term, I would like to encourage all of us to pray for strength and guidance to accept change as we return to the basic tenants of our program. In this change, we should pray for the growth and commitment of our membership. We have the opportunity to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ through our Spiritual Weekends, which is of the up most importance in growing our DeColores community.

I pledge as Vice President to work diligently throughout the months and year to support all activities of our program. Yes, we will have the meetings to attend but my thoughts are that we need commitment beyond just a few meetings a year if we truly want to honor Christ in our daily lives and the DeColores movement. We should strive to make this part of our fourth day trudge.

In closing, I want you all to know you are in my daily thoughts and prayers. With the help of Christ and our united beliefs, we can turn this into a spiritually fulfilled 2008!

God Bless!
Mike

From the Treasurer

DeColores Ministries is a 503(c) 3 non-profit tax-exempt organization. Any donation made is tax deductible. As with any ministry, donations are always needed and appreciated, and used to carry on the work of the Ministry. DeColores is no different; we need all donations anyone is willing to give. Green palanca is always good. There are not many bills this time of the year, however there are a few things that need to be paid for through the year (such as the newsletter, postage, weekend supplies, etc.). The more donations, the easier it is to make the payments that need to be made. This is a good time of the year to make donations because it will reduce your tax bill. So send all donations to the post office box and I will send you a receipt in return.

DeColores
Nola Fettig, Treasurer

From the Secretary

All former Secretariat Board Members, if you know how we can get meeting minutes from years prior to 2006, please email me at: makgolfer@sbcglobal.net. We are working on compiling all non-meeting related motions to maintain better records of changes made in our process, or fees, etc. Thanks for your help.

Marge Kollar, Secretary



DO WE HAVE THE FAITH OF THE MUSTARD SEED?

At the conclusion of Weekend # 75, I knew – felt – believed that Christ had chosen to give me the special gifts that had been shared with many others in the past. Now, years later I am involved with Weekend # 85 – sharing in the team formation, watching the spirit unfold and develop – feeling the energy build as the experienced seasoned pros share with the first time speakers and team members, witnessing the hype – the plans – the strategies (All historically proven to work and be successful) being reviewed and shared.

WOW! If what I am seeing and feeling is correct, this will be the best weekend ever and assuredly the most successful.

BUT then, it hits me – What happened to the guy who was going to set the world on fire with the inspiration and energy he received on his weekend? Some had friends and relatives that were naturals to bring into the movement; others had plans for great grouping activities. I believe that some of these events did happen and the results will become evident. Recent changes have happened. One weekend did not materialize financial concerns and getting candidates along with new team members and providing training for our new leaders all are challenges for our officers. Personally, I feel the faith of that little mustard seed and believe the tasks will be completed. Am I doing my share? Are you?

Our new leaders, the enhanced newsletter and our expanded user-friendly web site are just some of the proof that good things are happening. My prayer is that each of us will come forward and volunteer to do his or her part.

Jim Schnurstein

NEWS FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

SAVE THIS DATE!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 6, 2008 for a DeColores Grand Reunion! For those of you who have never experienced a Grand Reunion, it is a gathering of Crucistas from the entire DeColores Community, often centered around a meal together, a shared worship service and an activity of some kind. More details to follow as the planning solidifies; be sure to book the date now as we look forward to an event filled with faith, fun and fellowship!

SECRETARIAT PILOTS NEW WORKSHOP FORMAT

Metro Detroit and Southeast Michigan (MD-SEM) DeColores has struggled with Community participation in our 4th Day/Leader's Workshop. Not only have we struggled with participation, we have struggled to provide an ongoing schedule of 4th Day/Leader's Workshops. Save one, the few workshops we have planned in the last couple of years have been cancelled due to lack of Community involvement.

Why have 4th Day/Leader's Workshops? Any organization that is serious about creating and maintaining a strong, powerful and dynamic organization offers ongoing training and education to its constituency. Christian Leaders are not developed solely by attending a weekend. How you live out your 4th Day is paramount to the growth and development of a Crucista. Permanent Group Reunion, Ultreya and ongoing education is key in creating Christian Leaders who can effectively change their environments.

There are basically three elements into putting on a weekend, one is preparation for the weekend, another is the weekend itself and the third is what happens after the weekend. We have become so wrapped up in "putting on weekends", that we have become lax about our preparation for, and follow-up to, the weekends we so love. And the results show up on the weekend: outlines are not always followed, people are confused about their roles, weekend elements are missing, communication is weak – and the list could go on and on. In fact, Secretariat has a matrix of issues and concerns about the Movement - and particularly the weekends - that they have been addressing on an ongoing basis. But we have a long way to go yet before we can fully resolve and document all of our solutions and best practices.

It is said that the "best defense is a good offense". Well, Secretariat is "taking the offensive" by asking the two current teams in formation to dedicate one of their team formation meetings for a mini 4th Day Leader's Workshop. The workshop will also be open to members of the Community so that everyone can take advantage of the opportunity. Secretariat feels that having mini workshops during team formation may be one of the better ways of educating the Community in lieu of a more extreme measure; for example, of requiring completion of a 4th Day/Leader's Workshop before you can participate on a weekend team.

Ross Smith, the Rector of Weekend # 85 has dedicated Saturday March 29th in his team formation for a 4th Day/Leader's workshop.

The workshop will be held from 9:00am to noon at St. John's Episcopal Church at 50 E. Fisher Freeway, Detroit, 48201 and is open to the entire DeColores Community.

If you are a Community member who is planning to attend, please notify Post DeColores Couple Dennis & Jennifer Barnett bigdawg021970@hotmail.com or Co-President Becky Nickels ranickels@comcast.net

Changes in Personnel

MD-SEM Secretariat regrets to announce that newly elected Vice President Michele Maresh has resigned. Co-Vice President Mike Sieniarecki will carry on as the sole Vice President. Other changes include Kris Davis as the new Pre DeColores Chairperson replacing Joan Eldridge and Steve Baab as the new Palanca Chapel Chairperson replacing Michelle Maresh. Congratulations and welcome to both Kris and Steve and we thank both Michelle and Joan for their loving and faithful service to DeColores! God go with you!

Becky Nickels and Michele Lynch, Co-Presidents

Post DeColores News...

We have a few events that need to be noted. I'm just going to list them in order of the date the event is happening.

First, a 4th Day workshop will be put on at St. Johns Episcopal Church of Detroit on March 29th at 9:00am. St. Johns is located on Woodward Avenue and the I-75 service drive, across from Comerica Park. There is plenty of parking for all. Enter the parking lot from Montcalm. Montcalm is the street that runs between the church and Comerica Park.

Second, we have a date for the DeColores picnic. That date is Saturday, August 23rd. We are in the planning stages, but we have the date. Look for more to come in upcoming newsletters.

Third, we are planning a community Christmas party. We are looking at Saturday, December 6th. We have locked in a site but are going to check availability of others. There will be more information to follow.

If you have, any suggestions please feel free to give me a call. I have found that one of the difficult parts of the Post-DeColores position is trying to make sure that the events we plan are going to fit our entire community. With that being said, any help would be seen as that, help and not as criticism.

Thanks, Dennis & Jennifer Barnett, 313-478-9792

From the Upcoming Rector

To My Brothers & Sisters-in-Christ -

Spring is just around the corner and so is the upcoming Men's retreat weekend. As rector of weekend Team # 85, I am prayerfully considering team members and the joy of bringing new candidates to share in the weekend experience.

As we begin formation, we all realize the road is long but the trip is well worth the journey. The team is shaping up well and I am still in prayer that God will bless us with many candidates, fair to good weather, and open hearts and minds from all, team members included.

My Core Team members are:

Gary Bjornrud	* Co-Rector – 4 th Day
Boomer Nickels	* Head Coordinator
Bert Wilson	* Head Cha-Cha
Tim Schabeck	* Spiritual Director
Tom Krell	* Spiritual Director
Dennis Barnett	* Rector-in-Training – Study of the Environment

The rest of the team shapes up like this:

Craig Hollingsworth	Roger Shattuck
Tim Tingstad	John Barge
Derris Marshall	Bob Retherford
Rick Totin	Bob Kirby
Jim Schnurstein	Tristan Williams
Andre Smith	Rob Knoll
Michael Giordano	Derrick Carrington
Ron Fromme	Joe Caron
Adam Pembroke	Mark Bommarito
Bill Strohmmer	Tim Toland
Eddie Dunn	Kenneth Whitworth
Marc Van Baalen	Chris Ambrozy

Weekend Theme: **GRACE ALONE**

Theme Song: Grace Alone (Maranatha Singers)

Scripture verse: Ephesians 2: 4-10

The theme Grace Alone was really sent to me by the song, which Mike Sands introduced to me some time ago. The song speaks to me that everything and I mean everything we say and do is only by His Grace. The chorus

“Grace Alone, which God supplies
Strength unknown, he will provide
Christ in us, our corner stone
We will go forth in Grace alone.”

These words not only speaks to my life and what I'm seeking for but it also speaks the DeColores method – “We Will Go Forth In Grace Alone” is our 4th day

message. The entire song both verses speak about the 4th day and what we are supposed to be searching for and doing. Through all of my troubles over the past 6 months the message from the song just keeps ringing in my mind, and even though my mind wonders and I start thinking of how bad my life is God does provide me with the strength, from only He knows where, to get through it all.

If you would like to be part of this dynamic team, please contact me by phone or by email - (see info below). Even if it's been a while since you've served, but feel the Holy Spirit prompting you I would enjoy hearing from you.

As always, we are also praying for candidates. If there is a name that God has placed on your heart, please tell them about the weekend and invite them to come see what it's all about. We all know how special this experience is and since our mission is to share the gift of Jesus with others this is a great opportunity for reaching out.

Anybody that needs information regarding Team # 85, be it for donations of pop, water, candy, fruit or just wanting to be a day Cha or to help out in some way, Please contact my Head Coordinator –

Boomer Nickels at:
734-740-6576 or at:
boomerdn@comcast.net

We are also look forward to seeing many of you at the community support functions for the weekend - an opportunity for fun and fellowship.

For Team and Community

Social: Finger Food Social at St. John's Plymouth
Ultreya March 7th, 2008 Time – 7:30pm

Commissioning: St. Linus Church in Dearborn
Heights - April 12, 2008 - 4pm

Holy Hour: St. Linus' Church - April 18, 2008 7:30pm

Closing: Emrich Retreat Center - Brighton - April 20, 2008 at 6:00pm (but meet 10 –15 minutes early by the kitchen)

Thank you for your support and prayers,

DeColores,
Ross E. Smith
Rector Team # 85
excalibur723@gmail.com



Exciting opportunity for worship songwriters in your church!

As you are probably aware, most of the songs in the DeColores Ministries songbook are covered under the License #1669592 with CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International). Songs are added daily to the list of those covered by the license. One of the ways new songs are added is by people submitting their original work to them. Have you written a song that is regularly (or even occasionally) used for worship by you or your church? Maybe we'll all be singing one of your songs! To submit a song, go to www.ccli.com. This is what CCLI just sent out:

Songwriters, if you've written worship songs that have resonated with your congregation, please check out the **Open Mic submission criteria**, and then consider submitting a video of your original worship songs. Your songs could potentially be shared with thousands of churches across the country.

Open Mic is an online video venue for fresh, new worship songs coming straight from the churches. The format is flexible...the video feed from your live worship service will work great. Or you can shoot a casual video with just a piano or acoustic guitar accompaniment in your living room. Or you can do a full-blown concept video. Whatever video format you use, we're really looking for two things: 1) a great original worship song that is Biblically-sound and appropriate/singable for a congregation; and 2) a great musical performance.

Submitting a video is easy. Just **register** for a free CCLI TV login and then **upload** your video file(s) to us. Once your video has been accepted for Open Mic streaming, we can take care of the permissions and paperwork.

To get a feel for Open Mic, check out the **sneak peek**. (And since you'll create a login to upload your videos. Also feel free to post comments on the current videos!)



Please forward this invitation to the worship songwriters and video crews in your church. We would love to see original worship song videos from your church be included in Open Mic and CCLI TV!

May God bless your Ministry,
CCLI License Holder Services.

From Pre DeColores

When I think back over the years, to the spring of 1993 when my 4th Day began, I remember fondly the various weekends that have been held, the new brothers and sisters in Christ I have come to know, some, if only briefly. Mostly I thank God for so many people who have become "ROCKS" in my life. People without whom my life would be so much different, and certainly NOT in a way God would prefer I'm sure. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the method of living a life in Grace with God through Piety, Study and Action, that I was taught through the Cursillo Method and which was reinforced in DeColores Ministries. What a wonderful gift my sponsor gave me when he gave me this weekend experience. Up until his death, he remained faithful to me as my friend and most especially **AS MY SPONSOR**.

Do you remember when your 4th Day began? Do you remember how you felt? Are there people in your life (read: **ENVIRONMENT**) that could use the blessing of this method? I encourage you to review the upcoming dates of the weekends for 2008 and look around you at your friends, family members and colleagues. Is there someone whose life could be enriched by a weekend? I am sure you can find many, however, take the responsibility of being a sponsor seriously.

You should be willing to accept that responsibility for a year. Nurture that person; hold them accountable for their piety, study and action. Allow the teams that are in formation, to be responsible for teaching the method on the weekend, but you **THE COMMUNITY**, supply the candidates. The Secretariat is committed to getting back to the basics. This is a great place to start. You can download an application from the website or feel free to contact me at krisdot@earthlink.net and I will get one to you. Let us have record numbers of candidates in 2008!

Ultreya!
Kris. Davis
Pre-DeColores

From the Webmaster

Dear Brothers and Sisters of DeColores:
Have you visited the DeColores Ministries of Detroit and SEM website lately? Please visit our redesigned website and register today!

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DeColores,
Bob Meyering, Webmaster