



2009 Weekend Dates

Fall 2009 Weekends:

Men's # 91 Oct 1st-Oct 4th, 2009 at St John's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mi - Darron Patterson Rector

Women's # 92 Oct 22nd-25th, 2009 at Emrich Ctr, Brighton, Mi - Joy Barber Rector

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been six months since I was blessed with the Presidency of our movement and so far it has been a very rewarding experience. It has had its ups and downs and challenges, but it has been very fulfilling as well. The board has come together to lead this movement forward in these tough times. Tough economic times, tough Spiritual times and tough times for our movement in some aspects as well. Through this all, however, we are persevering. We are truly blessed to be associated with this movement and to be able to rely on our brothers and sisters in these times.

We had two very successful weekends at St John's Episcopal Church in Detroit. During the weekends, we had to make minor changes because of the new facility. It was wonderful to watch teams shift direction a little without missing a beat, we did, and the candidates didn't even know.

We made/had a power point presentation of a mini fourth day workshop. It is available for all future teams to use in their formation meetings.

We have approved a new scholarship form to assist candidates with monies. It will be posted on the web; it is a very self explanatory form.

We have approved a new Candidate/Sponsorship form that is already posted on our web.

We have gone back to basics to keep the "Method" of the weekends going the way they were intended to go.

We are planning another Grand Reunion for sometime in December.

We have a DeColores picnic scheduled for August 1st 2009, the details are posted on the website.

We developed three Committees at the beginning of the year, Finance, Communication and Revival Committees.

Finance: We have determined approximately how much a weekend costs us and what we need to charge to cover all of our expenses.

Communication: We are directing our community to the web for updated info. We have initiated a program to give our Rectors/Rectoress updated team info from the last 10 weekends to get many different people involved in weekends. More good things are in the works.

Revival: We are trying different things here. We have met many times to find the answer to the question "where is our community?" As a matter of fact, the Episcopal Cursillo Movement and our board are trying to get together to discuss this very point. We are hoping for a July/August Sunday brainstorming session.

We need a permanent Treasurer (if anyone is looking for a job, low pay but many rewards) we sure could use you. We are also in need of some help for our Post DeColores board member and we need some National Reps. Please pray on it.

We are going to have two fall weekends. Darron Patterson and Joy Barber will be the Rector and Rectoress. The weekends will be October 1-4 and the Oct. 22 -25. Let's come out and support these two beautiful people of the Lord.

The ladies weekend will be at Emrich this fall. A few of us had the pleasure of going out and painting the buildings and fixing other odds and ends. Christian Community in action and we had fun.

It is challenging, but with Our Lord guiding us, how can we go wrong. We are a strong movement; we just need more people to get involved. A few are doing the work of many. We are all on our 4th Day.

God Bless Mike

NEWS FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

And the Greatest of These is Love

Oftentimes, when a couple gets married, they like to have the verses on love from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians included in the service. On the DeColores weekend, during the Sacraments Rollo discussion on marriage, I read this passage to the team and candidates. Paul presents 16 aspects of love which should govern not only the way we treat our spouse, but also the way we treat our children, our family, friends and neighbors, people at work, people we meet on the street – anyone that God sends our way.

For many, facing today's problems with finances, jobs, and uncertainty about the future, we need to reach out in love to each other. Here's the "rules" about love that we are to follow:

(The Litany of Love)

Love is patient,
love is kind.

Love does not envy,
love does not boast,
love is not proud.

Love is not rude,
love is not self-seeking,
love is not easily angered,
love keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil
but love rejoices with the truth.

Love always protects,
love always trusts,
love always hopes,
love always perseveres.

Love never fails. *(I Corinthians 13:4-8,13)*

St. Augustine, in his Meditation on Psalm 120:4 talks about "Arrows of Love": "The sharp arrows of the powerful' are the words of God.

When he loses them, they penetrate right into the heart. Yet they are not agents of death, like ordinary arrows, but of love and life. The lord is skilled at firing arrows of love, and those who fire the arrows of his Word also fire arrows of love. If they strike into the heart of someone who already loves it is only to strengthen that love. And if they strike into the heart where love grows cold, it is only to fan it back into a blaze." (We shoot lots of arrows of love in DeColores!)

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

And the greatest of these is love.

May the blessings, the peace, and love of God be with you. This, we ask, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Fr. Tim
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Weekend # 89

Hello community. DeColores weekend #89 has come and gone and we have added 6 men to our community. They are Daniel Lynn, Gary Sibilsky, Stan Ploski, Charles Kennedy, Jose Zeiler, & David Luks. If you see them at a function, don't forget to say hello.

This was our second successful weekend at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Detroit and in my opinion if we can't be in the woods; there is no better place to be. St. Johns was able to give us a very intimate atmosphere, in a very busy part of the largest city in our State.

I want to thank everyone in our community that answered the call to serve us and/or pray for us on our weekend. Your prayers were felt.

Over the years I have enjoyed the many different positions that I've held and getting to know the candidates in those roles had me wondering how this weekend would play out for me personally. I have to say that the experience of being the rector gave me a totally new view of what we do and how we are changing our world, in this case, 6 men at a time.

Thank you and DeColores,

Dennis Barnett # 43.

FROM THE TREASURER

DeColores Ministries has a 503(c) 3, non profit status, so any donation made is tax exempt. 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. 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. God Bless

Ultreya!! Nola Fettig

FROM THE WEBMASTER

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

DeColores,
Bob Meyering, Webmaster

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NEWS FROM THE PALANCA CHAPEL

I would like to remind everyone that there is a Palanca Chapel on site at St. John's Detroit for the next men's weekends. Because of having the fall weekend at St. John's there are some logistical issues which will not allow us to take Palanca after Saturday night. Also because of space issues, gift Palanca will not be taken. You can come down any time during daylight hours to visit the Chapel and drop off or write palanca. If you wish to help out in the Palanca Chapel, contact Steve Baab prior to the weekend. We also have 24 hour prayer clocks for each weekend. You can contact Steve Baab at smbaab@yahoo.com if you would like to sign up for an hour of prayer on either the men's or women's weekend.

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PICNIC TIME!!! Mark your calendar and Join Us!

Time for some picnic fun and fellowship
Who: You and your family and friends.
What: DeColores community picnic.

When: Saturday, 8/1/09, 11:00 am till ???
Where: Kensington Metro Park between Martindale beach and the East boat dock. Kensington is located at exit 153 on I-96 in Wixom.

Why: It's summertime and all love a picnic.
What to bring: An entrée & beverage for your family and a dish to pass. There will be a couple of grills for you to use. Don't forget to bring your favorite lawn chair.

Our picnic area is very close to Martindale beach, so bring a bathing suit. There are a couple of reminders about Kensington Metro Park. There is a \$4.00 per vehicle park entrance fee and anyone that brings a bike or rollerblades to use on the trails must also wear a helmet.

If you have any questions, please send me an email at bigdawg021970@hotmail.com and please put DeColores picnic in the subject line in case the email goes into my junk folder. I hope to see you August 1st.

Dennis Barnett

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FROM PRE-DECOLORES

We have 2 weekends already on the books for the fall. The teams will start formation soon! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could be praying for the upcoming candidates by name right away!?!)

Start asking your friends, co-workers, neighbors, family members now. Let them have a chance to put it on their calendars in advance. (It makes it easier for you to get all the Palanca you'll want to get for the candidate too!! – hint hint!)

Even if a person can't attend one of the weekends this fall, keep asking, they won't jump out and ask you necessarily. Remember too, we have other locals in the Kalamazoo / Niles / South Bend area, Muskegon / Grand Haven, area, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City. If you have family or friends there, sponsor them and we can help get a person locally to help co-sponsor to make sure they have access to Ultreya!!

If anyone is interested in taking over the position of Pre-DeColores, let me know. My term will soon be up. krisdot@earthlink.net or 248.470.7764.

Ultreya!
Kris. Davis