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2008 Weekend Dates

Fall 2008 weekends:

Women's # 88 October 23-26, 2008 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mi.

VP ELECTION

The Vice President is our only elected position. It is a three-year term. First year-Vice President, second year- President, and third year-Past President. It has these qualifications:

1. Completed at least 3 DeColores Ministries weekends as a team member, or
2. Completed 2 DeColores weekends and one substantially similar weekend in Cursillo
3. Have been a Rollista, Cha/Coordinator on a DeColores weekend and have completed a fourth day workshop
4. Be active in an organized Christian Church
5. Have been a member of the DeColores community for at least 3 years
6. Be a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores ministry.

Please be thinking about the VP position. Perhaps you would like to become a candidate or have someone else in mind to nominate for the VP position. We have an election ballot enclosed.

NEWS FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

Christ is counting on us to keep our movement strong and viable. We can't do that without Community volunteers to manage what we do, be it weekend

support or serving on our Local Governing Body, i.e., the Secretariat. As we enter the last quarter of the year, several Secretariat positions will soon be open for new volunteers as current terms expire in December. Volunteers are needed for the positions of **Secretary, Treasurer, En DeColores, Post DeColores, and Historian**. We presently also have an opening for a **National Rep**. In addition to the general Secretariat responsibilities, a **National Rep** is also responsible for attending and representing our Local Secretariat at quarterly National Secretariat meetings held in East Lansing and / or Traverse City (*carpooling is encouraged*).

All these positions involve a two-year commitment. General responsibilities include supporting monthly Secretariat meetings held at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit, addressing weekend / community concerns, providing for ongoing education and knowledge-building for all Crucistas and supporting weekend and post-weekend activities.

Can Christ count on you? (*We do!*) Please prayerfully consider these open positions and contact either Co-Presidents Becky or Michele, or Vice President Mike Sieniarecki if God is calling you to serve.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THE GRAND REUNION!

Can you believe it? Our DeColores Grand Reunion is only 2 months away! Time to get your reservations in! Please RSVP with Becky Nickels either by phone at 734-981-6831 or email at ranickels@comcast.net. Bring your family, your Sponsor and/or your Grouping Partner(s) to celebrate our DeColores and Cursillo heritage with our fellow Crucistas and Brothers and Sisters in Christ. What a wonderful way to close out another exciting yet challenging year in the Metro Detroit and Southeast Michigan DeColores movement. Christ is counting on you! See the enclosed flyer for more info.

Submitted by: Becky Nickels & Michele Lynch Co-Presidents

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BLESSING:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

I thank you, dear Father, for blessing your children who have answered your call to help proclaim your love to others through the DeColores movement. These "Cross Bearers" have offered their lives to you. Through piety, study, and action, they have lifted themselves in prayer and sacrifice in love to others that you have placed along the path of their pilgrimage.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

I ask you, dear Father, to let the light of your infinite loving grace fall upon us. May the love that we receive from you shine from us as a reflection of your love. Let your Spirit continue to renew us so that we can be an instrument of your love. Help us to reach out to your other children who need the flame of their love for you rekindled. If it is your will, Lord, open their hearts and minds to accepting an invitation to attend a DeColores weekend.

May the Lord show you his face and bring you peace.

Help us, dear Jesus, to see your face in everyone we meet – and may others see you in us.

May the Lord guide us on our way and keep us strong and safe from harm.

May he give us his peace.

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EN DECOLORES

Dear family and friends,

This is my final article as the En-DeColores representative. It has been an exhilarating and fast-paced 2 years. It started with many boxes and totes being delivered to my house, but the time went by quickly. It is hard to believe that serving the Lord can be so much fun! As I prepare for the upcoming Women's Weekend # 88, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve with them and for them.

I pray the next En-DeColores representative receives the joy and blessings I received.

With many Blessings,

John Barge

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FROM PRE DECOLORES

I would encourage you to talk with people about the DeColores experience all the time, not just when teams are in formation. If you decide to sponsor someone, you can send the application and sponsor sheet to the post office box and we'll be ready when the team is. Most people need time to plan 3 days away. Give them the chance to make preparations ahead of time (that will also give you as a sponsor more time to get written Palanca from their family and friends!!) Applications **MUST** be in by the commissioning. That is the cut off. While we'd like to be able to be more flexible, there is much preparation that goes into a weekend, so that date is firm. This is a new experience this fall. Share it!

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THE UPCOMING WOMEN'S WEEKEND

We're taking our cues from Weekend # 87, and are holding our weekend at St. John's in Detroit. Their weekend was a great experience in "BACK-TO-BASICS." (We have decided to use more air mattresses than cots though!)

We have a dynamic team, wonderful rollos and pray for your support with candidates. We will be having some of the men from the previous weekend's team and secretariat staying at the church with us to provide our family members with the additional security support they may feel we need. We don't really, it is very safe there in the entertainment district of the city, but some people even worry in the country!

Holy Hour will be at St. John's on Friday October 24 at 7:00 and we look forward to seeing you at walk-in and closing on October 26 at 6:00 p.m. Please come out and support us.

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Check out the newsletter online. We are looking to cut costs and would love to know if we can let you know it is available at the website. At the bottom of the VP ballot is a check sheet. Please fill it out and let us know your status.

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