



Fall 2009 Weekends:

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

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I sit in a formation meeting of Weekend 91, critiquing these wonderful men of the Lord as the President of our movement sometimes does, I am reminded of my / our 4th Day walk. I just heard a wonderful Piety talk and I was recharged with things that I am to do. I pray daily (to ask for guidance) and then I go into meditation to listen to how the Lord leads me. If I am asked to pray for someone, I do it immediately because I realized long ago that I am only promised this moment, so I try and do the Lord's work now. The men are trying to get me on this weekend. I am praying about this as well.

I am asking / challenging our Community to step up and get re-involved in our wonderful movement. We are desperate for volunteers now! Our Secretariat has openings that we need to fill, no experience necessary. We need to take some of the pressure off a few who are doing the work of many. These are the positions that we need to fill:

- Vice President* -3 year commitment
- Treasurer -2 year commitment
- Post DeColores -2 year commitment
- National Reps -2 year commitment
- Webmaster -2 year commitment
- Communications -2 year commitment

*VP Position is elected in October/November.

I'd like to say I did some politicking at a wedding recently where I asked many beautiful people to consider volunteering. I hope and pray everyone will pray about this and seriously consider stepping up to help and have some fun at the same time. It is a once a month meeting and a commitment to 4 weekends a year. There might be 1 or 2 other meetings occasionally to conduct some business.

Here is writing from Helen Mallicoat called:

"I AM"
**I WAS REGRETTING THE PAST AND
 FEARING THE FUTURE,
 SUDDENLY MY LORD WAS SPEAKING.
 MY NAME IS I AM. HE PAUSED; I WAITED.
 HE CONTINUED. WHEN YOU LIVE IN THE
 PAST WITH ITS MISTAKES AND REGRETS
 IT IS HARD; I AM NOT THERE. MY NAME IS
 NOT 'I WAS'.**
**WHEN YOU LIVE IN THE FUTURE WITH ITS
 PROBLEMS AND FEARS,
 IT IS HARD. I AM NOT THERE. MY NAME IS
 NOT 'I WILL BE'**
**WHEN YOU LIVE IN THIS MOMENT IT IS NOT
 HARD. I AM HERE.
 MY NAME IS I AM.**

God Bless Mike

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NEWS FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Hello my brothers and sisters in Christ. This newsletter's article presents two items - the Leaders Prayer and a quote about the Cross – and us. The Leader's Prayer is from the Cursillo movement.

Leaders' Prayer

Lord, grant that we may understand the necessity for depth in our movement, rather than surface glory. Convince us of the truth that colorful programs do not constitute success.

My God, give us a spirit of self sacrifice so that we may offer everything for your cause: our time, our abilities, our health and even our lives if necessary.

Instill in us courage in our initiatives, good judgment in our choice of the right means, and that determination which in spite of failures assures victory.

Move away from us the tiny rivalries, sensitivities, discourtesies, pride, everything which distracts from You, everything which divides or discourages.

Help us to maintain at a high level a meaningful supernatural and mutual charity among ourselves, so that each one will seek by preference the most humble tasks and will rejoice at the good performed by others so that all our spirits united in a common purpose will have one single spirit, Yours Jesus, and that this spirit may let us see Your attractive goodness marked in all our faces, Your warm accents in all our words, and in our lives something superior to the world, something that proclaims Your Living Presence among us. Amen

The Cross – and “church people”.

The Tres Dias Pilgrim's Guide offers a number of readings, one of them is a quote from Rev. George MacLeod (1895-1991). He was a Scottish soldier and a minister for the Church of Scotland.

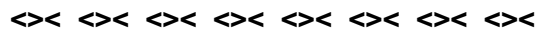
“I simply argue that the cross be raised again – at the center of the market place as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles: But on a cross between two thieves; on a town garage heap.... At the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse and soldiers gamble. Because that is where He

died, and that is what He died about, and that is where Christ's men ought to be and what church people ought to be about.”

Let us raise the cross of Christ in our “market places” – our homes, our places of work, and where we play and pray.

May the peace and love of Jesus be with you.

Fr. Tim
tschabeck@charter.net



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



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



NEWS FROM WEEKEND # 92

Dear Community

What an exciting time. We started our formation on July 25, with so much going on in my life I wondered what I was doing! Just doing what the Lord called me to do. Our formations have been going very well and we are building a great community in Team #92. We have already crossed many hurdles and continue to walk in faith. That gets me to our Weekend Theme which is "Woman of Faith". Our scripture for the weekend is Psalm 23, and our song is (who would have thought!) "Women of Faith"

Team #92 – October 22 - 25, 2009
Theme: Women of Faith
Scripture: Psalm 23
Song: Women of Faith

This is our team structure for the weekend:

- Joy Barber -----Rectoress
- Marge Kollar -----Co-Rectoress
- Vita Palazzolo -----Rectoress-in-Training
- Cindy Grimwade -----Head Cha Cha
- Michelle Maresh -----Head Co-ordinator
- Angela Thomas Weldon -----Spiritual Director
- DusJohn Williams -----Spiritual Director
- Judy Bjornrud -----Action
- Jeanette Bommarito -----Angel
- Michelle Buckner -----Leaders
- Rosanne Carron -----Cha Cha
- Kris Davis -----Music Cha
- Katrena Epps -----Laity
- Martha Hayden -----Cha Cha
- Lynn Hosking -----Music Cha-in-training
- Lila Lipscomb -----Study
- Mary Kay Meyering -----Ideal
- Char Sheppard -----Angel
- Lucinda Smith -----Angel
- Gwen Thomas -----Cha Cha
- Jeanetta Williams -----Piety
- Robin Winfield -----Environment

That's our team. I am very happy to have some people on team that I haven't seen in a while and happy to have such a great group of women together. The core team is doing their job and keeping me on the straight and narrow. Please pray for Willie Copeland and the men's team

and also for our team. Please come out and serve a meal or write a piece of palanca for both Willie's and my team. (God's Teams!!!) Also pray for candidates.

I am very excited that we are having the women's weekend at Emrich Center. They have been working very hard out there. I even helped paint and the place looks wonderful. So, come on out to Emrich Center the weekend of October 22-25, 2009 and take a look around, you will be surprised.

DeColores and love to you all
Joy Barber



WEEKEND # 91 RECTOR LETTER

My Brothers and Sisters In Christ

I am submitting this request to be the rector of weekend # 91. I realize that the bylaws of the movement state that you can only rector every Five years. The last time I was rector was September 2007 (Weekend # 83). But since we only have less than three months before the next men's weekend and no one has stepped up to be the rector. I feel that it is necessary to waive this bylaw and allow me to rector the next weekend. The reason why I feel that the weekend must go on is the effect weekends have on the Body of Christ.

Therefore, I would like to share with you what my original weekend experience did for me.

My DeColores Weekend experience (May 1979 - Which was called a Cursillo Weekend at the time) was my first true introduction to Jesus Christ. I was raised up in a very positive apostolic environment. I felt that my parents were Holy Spirit filled individuals. I never experienced poverty nor was I mistreated in any way. During my childhood, I was exposed to Jesus Christ seven days a week. But as I grew older I just couldn't see spending my life going to Church seven days a week. In fact one of my promises to myself was, "I would never set my feet in a Church when I became an adult." I kept that promise until I was thirty six years old and it almost killed me.

Like the Prodigal Son I wanted what I felt was my life’s inheritance immediately.

Therefore, I turned to drugs and alcohol. In the beginning, I enjoyed this sin-filled life. In the end it brought me nothing but a great deal of pain. I sought help and started on the road back to my Father, Jesus Christ.

After two years on this road back to my Father, he introduced me to my greatest human gift; my wife Pam. I know that God sent her because no one in their right mind would have wanted any thing to do with me. Believe it or not she said she wanted to be my friend.

One weekend her cousin Betty (Sister Betty Loving) took her on a weekend retreat. When she returned I knew that something special had occurred in her life. She seemed to have a glow about her that was hard for me to understand. The only thing she told me about this retreat was that she loved me and she wanted me to experience it. I was somewhat resistant to spending a weekend with lots of strangers talking about God. But I went anyway.

On the weekend, I experienced the greatest revelation of my human existence. I learned that to be Human one has to have an Ideal about their life. I found out that if I was to have true peace and contentment in my life, my Ideal had to be living a Life of Grace, provided by God. The theme that God gave our weekend experience was “Jesus needs me”. Through the God given process of the weekend I internalized that Jesus truly needed me. Alcoholic and Drug addicted Willie. I found out that he loved me just the way I was. At last I had found what I was searching for all of my life; A personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This was the beginning of my walk with Him.

I am continuing to grow in Christ. Two steps forward and sometimes one backwards. God is continuing to bless me and my family with the ministries.

DeColores,

Your Friend and Brother in Christ
Brother William Copeland

Team # 91 - October 1-4, 2009

Theme: “Use Me with Faith”

Song: “Use Me”

**Scripture: Hebrews 11:1,
Proverbs 3:5-6**

¹Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight

Weekend # 91 Team Assignments

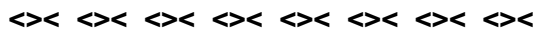
1. Willie Copeland -----Rector
2. Joe Carron -----Co-Rector
3. Darron Patterson ----- Rector-in-Training
4. Gregory McKay -----Head Coordinator
5. Adam Pembrook ----- Head Cha-Cha
6. Bernard Cannon -----Spiritual Director
7. Ron Thurner ----- Spiritual Director
8. Fred Netzell ----- Spiritual Director in Training
9. Paul Loving ----- Rector in Training
10. Derris Marshall ----- Music Cha Cha
11. Jim Carron ----- CCI/A
12. Andre Smith -----Coordinator
13. Mike Sieniarecki ----- Coordinator
14. Andy Kittle ----- Leaders
15. Bert Wilson ----- Cha Cha
16. Howard Lipscomb Jr. ----- Study
17. Howard Lipscomb -----Music Cha-Cha
18. Bob Kirby -----Piety
19. Mike Moroni ----- Ideal
20. Tim Tingstad ----- Cha Cha
21. Gary Bjornrud ----- Action
22. Derek Thomson -----Cha-Cha
23. David Carron -----Cha Cha (New)
24. Mike Pembrook -----Laity
25. Cal Wright ----- Environment (New)



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 sembaab@yahoo.com if you would like to sign up for an hour of prayer on either the men's or women's weekend.



NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Nominations are being requested for Vice President or Vice President Couple. The Vice-President serves a three-year term: one year as Vice-President, one year as President and one year as Past President. Qualifications for Vice-President as stated in our By-Laws are: *have completed at least three DeColores Ministries Weekends as a team member or at least two DeColores Ministries Weekends and one substantially similar weekend in the Cursillo tradition as a team member; have been a Rollista, Cha/Coordinator on a DeColores Weekend and have successfully completed a 4th Day Workshop; been active in an organized Christian church; have been a member of the DeColores community for at least three years and be a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores ministry.*

Is God calling you, or someone you know, to be Vice President? Nominations will be accepted by President Mike Sieniarecki during the month of October. Voting will take place during the month of November with results tabulated at the December Secretariat meeting.



STEPS TO RECTORSHIP

Deciding if you are being called to Rector begins with prayerful discernment. If this is a true call, the Holy Spirit will lead you to it. However, discernment can be a long process, so in the meantime, first prepare yourself by living out the Cursillo method in your daily life:

share your Piety, Study and Action on a regular basis through Permanent Group Reunion and Ultreya. How can you lead others to the method without living it yourself?

Secondly, prepare yourself through your weekend team experiences both inside and outside the Rollo Room as Angel, Rollista and Cha Cha or Coordinator. Understanding all of the roles on the weekend helps to ground you in the dynamics of the weekend. Attending a 4th Day Leader's Workshop is the best way to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the weekend dynamics.

Next, Core Team experience is invaluable on the road to Rectorship. Being a Head Cha Cha or Head Coordinator is the best way to prepare yourself for the responsibilities of leading a weekend. Serving as Rector or Rectress in Training is also highly recommended.

Finally, support DeColores through your palanca of prayer, service and sacrifice. Pray for our Local Secretariat, the National Secretariat, for our weekends, and for our DeColores Community. Serve at weekends, join a Working Team on Secretariat or Rector an Ultreya. There is a multitude of ways that you can prepare yourself for Rectorship and taking them one step at a time can ensure you are ready for the call when it comes.



En DeColores

My brothers and sisters,

The 12 totes, 16 candles, 48 Bibles, 22 boxes of Kleenex, and the beautiful DeColores Cross are ready for the fall weekends. It is my hope and prayer that all of you are ready as well. As the En DeColores representative for the secretariat I am responsible for making sure that each weekend has the needed materials for operating. I have a complete inventory of all the material. There is no tote with candidates. There is no tote with sponsors. There is no tote with community support. These things are supplied by you.

With one phone call, one schedule change, one brief period of time you bring more to the weekends than the entire inventory now residing in my garage. Please consider contributing to the inventory that which is the most precious in our movement; Candidates and Community.

I must tell you that it is a pleasure to sit on the Secretariat (you should try it) and see the progress of the teams through formation. We are truly blessed to have wonderful people who take on the role of Rectoress and Rector (you should try it). Joy Barber and Willie Copeland are our current blessings and their formations are progressing well. I have the honor of serving on Willie's team and my wife Rosanne is serving with joy for Joy. We look forward to serving your candidates and seeing your beautiful faces throughout the weekends. DeColores and so must all Love be of every bright color.

Be with God now and all ways
As He is with You
Your brother in Christ,

Joe Carron

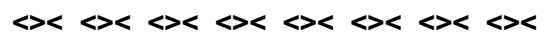
NEWS ON EMRICH CENTER

John Barge and Kris Davis both represented DeColores while sitting on the Emrich Visioning Committee for the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan over the last year. With incredible drive from the committee members, Emrich re-opened this summer on a trial basis. The Visioning Committee was converted to an Advisory Board and the final vote by Diocesan Council is all but counted. Emrich Center will stay open.

Quite a few people from DeColores put in many hours practicing CCIA – Christian Community in Action. Countless gallons of “BARN RED” paint went onto the buildings and white trim was used for accent. Emrich looks like it did many years ago. Check out the slide show that was put together about Emrich's beginning; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddkS-Go1awQ> See how many Crusistas you recognize in the pictures. Some of the pictures

were taken prior to the restoration, what a difference a little color makes!

The Emrich Advisory Board had a dinner with the daughter of one of the founders on August 22, with much of the food coming from the garden at Emrich. It was discussed over dinner that we would like to put together a book of favorite Emrich memories (from over the last 60 years!). Would you be willing to write down your thoughts and / memories and email them to krisdot@earthlink.net? We would love to hear how Emrich Center has blessed you.



FROM PRE-DECOLORES

The men's and women's teams are in formation and the weekends will soon be upon us. Don't wait until the last minute to get your candidate's applications in. The \$25 non-refundable registration fee will be applied toward the total cost of the weekend. The men's weekend will be \$125 as it is at St. John's in Detroit. The women's will be \$150 as it will be at Emrich Center. Applications must be in by commissioning.

Anyone interested in assuming the position of Pre-DeColores team chair, please let me know. It is a wonderful way to get to meet the new Crusistas and welcome them into our movement. You can either call me at 248.470.7764 or email at krisdot@earthlink.net.