



TriState Tres Dias Newsletter

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Remember your promises. Remember your weekend. Christ is counting on you.

The Essentials: Cloister of the Tres Dias Weekend

It's a busy time of year. Elections dominate the airways, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and soon the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season will be upon us. Although the holidays are joyous times spent with family and friends, don't you sometimes long for a quiet moment to be alone with God?

Forty years ago, when the Tres Dias movement began, the founders of this community recognized that need. They recognized that to fully experience the power of God's love, we need to be alone with just Him. The cloister is an essential of the Tres Dias weekend that we must all respect.

The origin of the word "cloister" comes from the medieval tradition of monks and other religious elders secluding themselves from the world in order to study, pray, and worship God. For our purposes, the cloister of the Tres Dias Weekend means that the team and the candidates come together in much the same way, secluding themselves in order to learn, to pray, and to worship God.

As members of the 4th Day, we serve the team and candidates by our chosen acts of prayer, service, and palanca. Palanca is to be a sacrifice that you have made for the team and candidates. The sacrifice will also serve as a reminder to you to pray. One year I gave up watching television as my palanca - that was so painful for me! But each time I thought of watching my favorite show, I said a prayer instead. That was the first year that I really understood the concept of sacrifice behind palanca. Using your own money to bring meal or snack palanca is a sacrifice, giving up an afternoon or evening to serve a meal is a sacrifice, and praying for the team and candidates is a sacrifice. Palanca is not a gift. Flowers, for example, are not palanca. Save them as a wonderful surprise for the candidate when she returns home, but please don't send gifts to Sarto.

Sometimes in our enthusiasm to make the weekend extra special for our loved ones, we go overboard and violate the spirit of the cloister. Remember to stay only in the dining room when serving, and to not discuss anything from the outside world while you are there.

With all our cooperation and support, the women of TD 58 will have their peaceful and reflective time alone with God.



Community News

Secula: Come the first Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Food and fellowship follow worship. Child care provided!

- Thanks to Tina Norris, Kate Hammonds Jamie Webb, Stephanie Crandell and group for our November snacks.
- Secretariat will provide snacks in December
- The "McChic's" group, Lisa, Susan, Carolyn, Cindy, Robin, and Sally will bring the January refreshments.

Thanks to song leaders Bill Holsapple Mark Schelhorn in November.

Come to the Christmas Open Secuela!

Bring your friends and family, even if they haven't attended a Tres Dias Week-end. It is a meaningful worship service -- and an opportunity to meet the women of Tres Dias 58. See you on December 5th at 7 p.m.!



**Help
Wanted**

Are you having trouble finding a group? Prior to the 7 p.m. January Secuela, there will be a special meeting to help folks connect with each other. Come to Olivet and meet with the grouping coordinators. There's a group waiting for you!

Women's Tres Dias #58

November 16-19

Candidates arrive at Sarto at 6 p.m. Thursday. Sponsor service at 6:30.

4th Day communion service at 8:15 p.m. Saturday in Celebration Hall.

Candlelight follows communion at 9:30 p.m. in Sarto Chapel.

Assemble for closing at 3 p.m. in Celebration Hall. Candidates arrive 3:15.

Be involved by signing up for the prayer vigil, serving a meal, writing palanca notes, bringing snack palanca, and attending the events!

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"You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever." Psalm 30:11-12

To Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We cannot thank you enough for your prayers for us to this point!! The team has bonded together incredibly quickly, which can only be the work of the Holy Spirit among us! We do, however, covet your continued prayers on our behalf... our work has only begun, and we have quite a road in front of us. Our prayer as a team is that, in all we say and do in ministering to the candidates, God is glorified!

Please prayerfully consider how you might serve the candidates during this weekend - perhaps you'll take a spot on the prayer vigil, (Linda Hay, 858-5600) or serve a meal, (Patty Batson, 897-2749), or offer meal palanca (Kathy Ettensohn, 867-0575) or send palanca -- whatever your act of sacrifice may be, we appreciate it more than we can express, and the candidates will certainly be blessed!!

We are waiting expectantly for the moves of God during Women's Tres Dias 58, to see how He'll be turning the candidates' "mourning into dancing!"

Many blessings, Wendy Moore, Rectora

Candidates: from Evansville: Lucy Becker, Sue Below, Karen Bieber, Anna Bryan, Kathy Burgdorf, Nancy Davis, Vicki Dunlap, Melissa Goodloe, Tammy Head, Kim Hohlmer, Carol Godsey-Ingram, Katie Knapp, Carolyn Koehler, Letha Lannert, Mary Lockett, Linda Luecke, Ruth Lundy, Diana Messel, Amy Phillips, Betsy Scurlock, Libby Seltzer, Nancy Stocker, Judy Turpin, Dori VanVlack, Rachel Villines, Becky Voegel, Cindy Williams; from Elberfeld: Joan Johann, from Boonville: Terri Abbott, Kim Cundiff, Debi Tatum; from Newburgh: Darla Doty.

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