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Vermont Tres Dias

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2017-2018 Upcoming items to be praying for

- 2018 Rectors are: Russ Mitchell & Cathy Carlson
- April 27-29 is a scheduled work weekend at the Wildflower Inn
- Be in prayer for the Wild Flower Inn and whether or not we will be able to continue to hold our weekends there. 2018 is scheduled to be held at the Wildflower, Yea!

President's Letter

Dear Community,



I was very encouraged by the super turnout at the January Secuela! There were more than 40 Pescadores who attended. Let's keep that up! On that note, I would encourage each of you to attend at least 2 Secuelas a year. We hold them in different churches around Vermont, so there will be one near you at some point. Or you could call Dave Satre (802-728-

4836) and offer to host a Secuela in your church to be sure!

I am wondering what the community thinks about breakfast Secuelas in general, and more specifically in the winter when it is still cold and dark. Comments can be sent to Dave Satre (Dave.Satre@gwplastics.com), the Secuela scheduler.

At the last Secuela there was discussion concerning the fall weekends vs. deer

March/April 2018

season. At the March Secuela we will discuss the possibility of a spring weekend in 2019.

Our Rectors for the fall weekends have started pulling together their teams. You do have a part to play: sponsor a Pilgrim, serve on team if asked, serve a weekend meal, Palanca of some sort, financial support, or prayer for weekend and TD in general.

And remember to get the Wildflower work weekend on your calendars: April 27-29.

Russ Mitchell—Men's Rector #53
November 1-4, 2018

Cathy Carlson—Women's Rector #58
November 8-11, 2018

Dear Tres Dias Community,

I am Russ Mitchell and I have been blessed with the opportunity to be Rector for the next men's #53 weekend. I am certain I am in for a humbling and rewarding experience as this is not where I would expect to find myself. With God's grace, the team and the Tres Dias Community, I know we will succeed.



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Dear Tres Dias Community,

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God

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Fall Dates are set!!

Mark your calendars and start praying and asking people to attend as a Pilgrim for our fall weekends.

Men's weekend is Nov. 1-4

Women's weekend is Nov. 8-11

Before you know it, these dates will be here, so now is the time to round up those applications. Lets get the weekends full and have to put people on a waiting list for next year! Wouldn't that be a blessing!



Paint Your Fence

My devotional this week was talking about the Holy Week events, "God called Jesus Christ to what seemed absolute disaster. And Jesus Christ called His disciples to see Him put to death, leading every one of them to the place where their hearts were broken. His life was an absolute failure from every standpoint except God's, but what seemed to be failure from man's standpoint was a triumph from God's standpoint, because God's purpose is never the same as Man's purpose. God's word says: "The disciples did not understand any of this, its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about." Luke 18:34

As I read this I started thinking about an old movie from 1984, "The Karate Kid". Daniel had moved from the East Coast to the West Coast with his Mom and was experiencing bullying from the Cobra's. He recruited his apartment building handyman to teach him Karate, so he could impress a girl and get revenge on the bully's. Miyagi put Daniel right to work waxing the car ("wax on, wax off") and painting the fence. Daniel was not too happy as he wanted to "catch flies with chopsticks" and put down

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Be a Pescadore (a Fisher of Men) Invite someone to be a Pilgrim on the weekend

Men's Rector, continued

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My wife Carolyn and I have lived in Brookfield since 1974. We have been blessed with seven sons and one daughter, who in turn have blessed us with twenty something grandchildren and a half dozen or so great grandchildren. Though we are both retired from work we somehow seem to stay very busy.



We actively attend Our Lady of the Angels Catholic church in Randolph. We both experienced our weekend at Tres Dias #6 at the Manor in Randolph sometime in the 1980's. It seems like yesterday. My weekend at that time spurred me to become baptized and confirmed in the church. These were big decisions for me and I have not regretted them. Knowing that God loves us and accepting that realization was mind boggling. I pray that this coming weekend will be as wonderful and moving for the Pilgrims and Team members involved.

The Weekend is an opportunity not only for the team members, but for the Community to participate and be blessed. Please say yes if you can. You will be blessed!

Des Colores
Russ Mitchell
Men's #53 Rector



provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4 10 -11”

Hi, my name is Cathy Carlson and I answered yes when asked to be the next Women's Rector. This is way out of my comfort zone so I ask for your prayers and patience as I work through planning the weekend and calling the team together. I am trusting the Lord to guide me in each decision and I pray that you will also be listening to His direction.

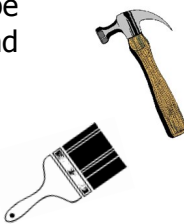
Bob and I have been married for 45 years and raised 4 children into adulthood. We have 5 grandkids who are the cutest and best. (You might disagree with me but that's ok) We attend Essex Alliance Church and I volunteer for Mops kids and in the church nursery. We are also active in a weekly "reunion group". We made our weekend in 2006 at a time when I felt my life was in turmoil. I was

President, continued

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(See details on page 4) As we get closer to April, Jim will need to know how many nights you will be staying and how many meals you will be eating there. Last year was very fun and very productive, as well as very much appreciated by Inn owners Jim and Mary.

De Colores,
Jerry Cole
President



PS: Please bring the tools you will need to be using for the job you want to help with. Thanks!

overwhelmed at my job and my son had just gone through a divorce. I was apprehensive about going but Jerry Cole convinced my husband to attend and I agreed to go as well. There was much laughter and tears and I left knowing that I mattered and that God loves me. I pray that the new candidates will also experience that knowledge that God loves them and we can do all things through Christ.



There is so much more to "the weekend" than just a few of us on "team". Each Pescadore shares in the fulfillment of our purpose. Please be thinking of how you can be a part of this year's Tres Dias weekends and pray about saying yes when asked to help.

De Colores

Cathy Carlson

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his enemies and he had no idea that it all started with painting the fence.

People love to protest and demonstrate, since they feel very powerful being in a crowd with like minded people. The Palm Sunday crowd was no different. They had just witnessed Lazarus raised from the dead and they were excited about this powerful new leader who could change their world—they were happy to shout and lay down the palms along with the rest of the crowd. They were not so interested when Jesus was silently accepting his stripes and carrying his cross to his crucifixion.

Jesus has not called us to be part of the Hosanna crowd, he has called us to be disciples. He wants to break our hearts and rid us of selfish ambition and distractions. He is in the business of making us into Champions and Warriors. He has called us to "paint the fence". You can start by loving your family, laying down your life for others—just get up each morning and ask him what fence you have for me to paint today.

God Bless friend, Brenda Berry

**Work Weekend at
The Wildflower Inn
Dates: April 27th –29th**

Don Avery has been in contact with Jim O'Reilly at the Wildflower Inn again this year to see how we, the Vermont Tres Dias Community can help with spring cleanup and work needed at the inn. Each spring they have a list of repairs that they need to get done, and this is our opportunity to help them do this. Below is a list of things that need to be done, and it is not intended that we get all of them done, but to do what we can.

How does this work? The work day will begin on Friday, April 27th and go through Sunday April 29th. If you can come all 3 days, great! But if you can only come to help on Saturday, that is great as well! Jim will house us and feed us! So, if you intend to come to help, it is imperative that you let Jerry Cole know what days you will be there and for how many meals so they can plan on the rooms and the food.

Here is the list of things that need to be done:

- Re-screen carriage house screen doors -2

- Replace family suite screen door
- Repair and install window screens on Coach House
- Hot water heat. We have a couple of zone valves that leak by. Room 2 and main dining room.
- Replace low water cut off on boiler at chapel.
- Paint all Exterior doors
- Straighten all light posts
- Replace light post near bike shop.
- New patio for community table - approx 10'x20'
- Yard clean up
- Relocate barn wood
- Take down skating rink
- Paint kitchen ceiling

If you think you want to help, and have an idea of what types of things you can help with, that should be communicated to Jerry along with how many hours/days you will be helping and meals you will be there for. You can either call Jerry at 802-644-5384 or email him jerryandbeth@myfairpoint.net as Jerry is taking care of the signup process.

Lets bless the Wildflower Inn!!

Your Tres Dias Officers

President—Jerry Cole
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Janet Smithers
International Representatives
Ron & Barbi Langdon
Spiritual Director Committee
Ron Rilling, Fred Tomaselli
and Paul Ciampaglia

Secretariat at 5:00 p.m.

Clip &  Save

Secuela at 6:30 p.m.

April 21— 5:30 pm-Wellspring Worship Ctr., West Lebanon, NH

May 19 - The Ridge, Brookfield, VT (Spaghetti supper at 6:00pm)

We need hosts for:

June 16 - September 15 - October 20 -

If you would like to host a Secretariat and Secuela please call

Dave Satre at 802-728-4836 to volunteer!