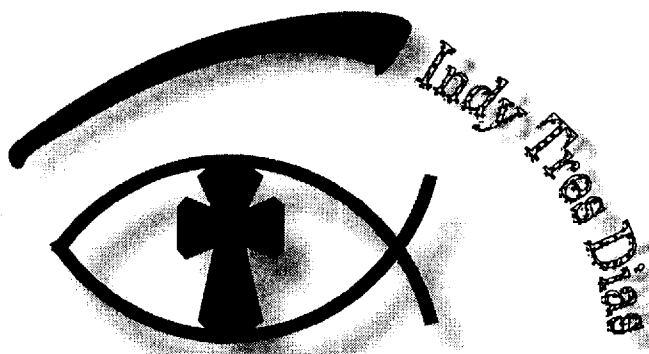


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*A note from
Steve Myers*

Exodus 19:5-6
Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you for the opportunity I have been afforded to serve you the past five years. It was a true blessing and honor and many of you individually have blessed me in numerous ways. It is good to see many of you begin to take an active role in this movement for the betterment of the entire community. It is a true sign of giving honor and glory to the Lord and not to you. Thank you for that.

To the secretariat members I was blessed to serve with; thank you for making my job so much easier. Thank you for the faith we had in each other. Thank you for "stepping up to the plate" when the need arose. Thank you for your openness, thank you for considering the community in the decisions we made and for prayerfully doing your jobs. In other words, thank you for allowing the Lord to lead your actions. I've told you this before; I am truly proud of you for service to a) Our Lord and b) to this community.

I thank you for the excellent leader schools you put together in 2001, 2003 and 2004. Thank you for sharing the vision of getting more people involved in this community and for trying to make this a more open community. Thank you for the information that was put out to the community concerning particular activities. Each one of you did your jobs with integrity and honesty. Thank you for your humility, for being able to admit none of us were above making mistakes.

I thank the Lord for silencing us when we needed to be silenced. Paul writes in Timothy; "Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he (she) must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful." (2 Tim. 2: 23-24).

On a very personal note; thank you for the love, understanding and compassion each of you gave me after "B's" death. I know it was sincere. You may never totally know what that meant to me. I love each of you in a very special way.

Please continue to follow our Lord and never lose focus of the vision.

I also thank the many members of this community for the sincere kindness and love you have given me over this past year.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you.

Love & Peace in Jesus,

Steve Myers

THE FIRST CURSILLO: A SURPRISE EXPERIENCE

by James Doyle

As the original founders of Cursillo, Eduardo Bonnin and his group reunion brothers, prepared and planned their first weekend, they had no idea what they were about to experience. They saw a world of great need around them. They knew that the answer to the needs of the world had to be Christ and His Grace, but they saw Christians who did not live for Christ, and they saw a church that was ineffective and without life. They developed the Cursillos de Cristiandad, literally meaning in Spanish "little courses in Christianity," to meet part of this problem.

Out of their efforts, this new ministry in the life of the Church was born in August, 1944, with a leadership school that held lectures on the culture of religion. At first, the Cursillos were just these little courses that were presented over a full week to the young men's branch of Catholic Action in Majorca. But because of the difficulty in getting men to set aside a full week, the founders had to shorten it to a three day weekend originally held on January 7, 1949, at The Sanctuary of San Honorato in a little town called Randa, 30 kilometers from Palma de Majorca, Spain.

This first weekend Cursillo, originally regarded as just one more of a series, turned out to be something completely different, something outside the norm. The founders, both lay and clergy, knew they had just experienced something magnificent and ageless. Thus, the Cursillo movement was born. DeColores!

WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS ... A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE

by Kelly Beck

Getting me to think seriously about something for any length of time usually requires a nap afterwards. Nevertheless, I want you to think about this with me. Think for a moment of all the candidates you have sponsored. Think of all the candidates that you knew personally. Think about your weekend.



I did all that and concluded that as Pescadores we have failed. Some if not most of us have all failed to inform the new Pescadores of everything they needed to know.

Each weekend on Sunday we tell them to get into an accountability group, and to attend the victory banquet. We tell them also that Tres Dias has a monthly gathering called Secuela they can attend.

However, what we fail to tell them is the most important piece of layman information that they might need to know: the Annual Meeting.

How many members know they have a vote in this movement? At the Annual Meeting everyone that has attended a weekend get to vote for members of the Secretariat. The Secretariat is the governing body of Indy Tres Dias.

I personally did not know I could vote at the Annual Meeting until a little over a year ago. I always thought the Annual Meeting was like a session meeting at church. A church session meeting is like being affectionately linked to barbed wire. Do I attend the session meeting or hold hands with barbed wire? Do I attend the Tres Dias Annual Meeting or snuggle with barbed wire?

I have sponsored three people in five years. All three now know about the Annual Meeting. I called and told them. Yesterday, I called my sister. She attended #18. I spent a good five minutes giving her an over kill lesson in attending the Send Off, Closings, Victory Banquets and everything else I have found out in the last year. I could tell she was impressed with my overall knowledge of this movement. Or she could have just been happy that I called and talked four more minutes than I usually do.

Call everyone you know and tell them about the Annual Meeting. You never know, your one vote could make the difference. Do not forget to tell them to B.Y.O.B.W. (Bring Your Own Barbed Wire).

I need a nap.

First and foremost I would like to thank Steve Myers for the time and dedication that he has put into this Tres Dias movement. I ask that the Lord continue to bless Indy Tres Dias, and allow us to continue on with "His work." Let me start off by saying "My name is Reggie Van Velse, I made Tres Dias #12, and sat at the table of Matthew." That seems so long ago. So much has happened since I made that weekend. It was truly what had changed my life. That is what my vision is. Allow others to see Jesus. Experience the same love that we all had on our inaugural weekend. And possibly have the change of their life also.

We are able to do that. It is through the hard work of dedicated people like you. Creative minds with new ideas. Along with the implementation of tried and true methods. How could we go wrong? It is quite obvious that something good is happening here. Indy Tres Dias is growing. With out God's Blessing, none of this would be possible. In John 15:5 Jesus says, "Apart from me, you can do nothing" that is my favorite verse. We all need to remember that. As long as we keep Christ in the forefront, we will be able to lead others to the kingdom.

DeColores
Reggie Van Velse

The Two Sides of the Cross

by Jim Stine

Have you ever considered the cross? No, I mean really considered it, what it means to mankind?

I believe the Lord is really working on me. I am seeing things from new perspectives each and every day. I can tell that I am getting closer to God because I am realizing more and more just how messed up I in fact really am and that I need Jesus more and more.

One thing that has become clear to me is the meaning of the cross. I don't mean in the "Sunday School" elementary way of knowing what the cross means, I am talking about a deeper meaning. Anyway, here is what I learned...

We all feel good about the cross. I mean we all feel good about it.

Everyone sees it as a symbol of peace between God and man. You see every kind of person eager to wear and display the cross. Have you ever seen that big 'ol honkin' cross that Madonna used to wear in her heyday? How about the cashier in your favorite thrift store who is made up in early Tasmanian Goth proudly displaying a back cross across his or her barely covered breast. What do you think about that?

Let me tell you what I think; unless they have truly repented and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their life, when they die they will curse the times and days they displayed that cross. They will writhe in agony as they remember the shallowness with which they regarded the cross. The cross is either a symbol of eternal blessing and peace with God through His Son Jesus, or it is a symbol of an unrepentant persons' holy terror.

When we consider what God did

on that cross – the most ultimate act of love to redeem us unlovely wicked sinners, how awesome that is. How can God possibly not be so grievously heart broken when folks treat the cross in such contempt? We see what the gay community has done to the rainbow. Will He also excuse that?

It is time for us all to repent! It is time for us all to forsake our sins and wickedness, including me! We need a revival much like that when Jonathan Edwards preached 'Sinners in the Hand of an Angry God!' We are loosing sight of who this holy God is! We do this to our error.

Please men and women of the community! Join me in doing some important things. First we need to put away and

confess our sins– we need to keep each other accountable with love and compassion but with firmness as well.

We also need to tell this world about this God. We have to tell them about Jesus. We have to do our part to get the message out about the two choices of eternity.

We need to become servants in the church. We must come along side the preachers, elders, and lay leaders. We have to encourage them, intercede for them, help them whenever we can, and to even hold them accountable.

I encourage all men and women to rise up and meet this challenge. Time is ticking away. Remember you have no idea if you will even have a tomorrow. God may require an account of your life this very night. How will you stand?

-by the way, don't treat the cross as an idol either...

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A Challenge From Paul

by Rev. Ben Monahan

Have you ever been challenged? Most of us have been in one way or another, like in business or with school, maybe in raising a family or even losing weight. If so, you already know most challenges have two sides to them: one being good and the other one just may have adverse affect. And so does the challenge from Paul found in II Timothy 2:15. However, the two affects with Paul's challenge are good; one being of approval and one of blessing.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15 KJ

The challenge offered is to study the True Word of God and to correctly analyze, accurately divide and skillfully teach others. The purpose is so that we may present ourselves approved (tested, after examination), as spiritual workmen to and for God.

To meet this challenge, we must prayerfully study the Word of God daily, so that we may receive the truth within and then actively teach others by our acts and our words.

By fulfilling this challenge we can present ourselves as spiritual workmen without shame to God and receive His approval. What a blessing that would be.

Paul and I are urging all believers to present themselves to God; as approved (tested, tried, after examination), as found to be acceptable as spiritual workmen who are correctly handling and delivering the True Gospel, so that in our conversation and actions there is no shame.

WILL YOU ACCEPT
THE CHALLENGE?



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UP COMING WEEKENDS

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FEB 24-27, 2005	#20	MAR 10-13, 2005
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THE CIRCLE PRAYER
by Michael Myers

God, bring peace to me.
 When my anger over-flows
 And my nerves are over- stunned;
 When shame presses down my
 shoulder
 Until my knees break,
 Then, Lord,
 Bring peace to me.

Like lightning, I lash out
 With judgment.
 Like thunder, I sound
 My discontent
 Against life and self,
 You and others.

Forgive me, Father.
 The mercy my heart most needs
 I withhold.
 The peace I'm desperate to
 receive
 I fail to show.

The New Fabric of Indy Tres Dias Leadership

The fabric of the Indy Tres Dias leadership has changed, is changing. At the 2004 Annual Meeting, Reggie Van Velse was elected by a one-voted margin of the membership to replace Steve Myers as Lay Director.

In an executive session the following Penquite as Treasurer, Tom Laratta as Pre-week, the Secretariat elected Tom Laratta Weekend Director, Rachelle Galvin as and Mary Stevens for another term in their Women's Leadership Director, and respective positions as Pre-Weekend Director and Palanca Director. Also, Don Although not an official member of the Norcross was appointed as Secretary to Secretariat, Kelly Beck also resigned as complete the term of Mike Galvin. editor of the Alegre.

At the same meeting, Rev. Brian The remainder of the eleven member Nicholson was nominated for but not board consists of Julie Featheringill as affirmed as Spiritual Director to replace Post-Weekend Director, Al Dowd as Rev. Connie Smith, who did not seek Men's Leadership Director, and Ed another term because she and her family Williams as Communication Director. are moving out of state. Under the The Secretariat voted at its September circumstances, though, Connie agreed to meeting to appoint Mike Myers to fill the serve in an interim capacity until a Pre-Weekend Director vacancy, Jennifer replacement is found or her house sells. Garner to fill the Weekend Director Later she found that impractical and vacancy, and John Featheringill to fill the withdrew from the appointment. Brian Treasurer vacancy. After three tie votes, was again nominated but not affirmed at the Women's Leadership vacancy was the Secretariat's July meeting. continued to the October meeting. Also To date, the Secretariat has received tabled until October was a decision on the and acknowledged resignations from Ernie Spiritual Director vacancy.