

# The Butterfly

THE RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter  
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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was obvious to those attending the Closing of Women #64, that the women had a very blessed weekend. Joy and enthusiasm filled the room, and their rendition of “God Girl” was superb!

The RIMA community welcomes the new Pescadores:

Celeste Cote-Morin	Debbie Fleming
Anjanette Jones	Lillian LaBonte
Linda Masson	Terry Miller
Sharon Palin	Lisa Phaneuf
Linda Swan	Terri Tupper

Sponsors! Remember, your work is not done. Encourage your candidate in their walk, and bring them to Secuelas (next one March 21<sup>st</sup>), Openings, Mananitas & Closings.

The other day, while going through some of boxes of ‘stuff’ that Tres Dias has accumulated over the years, I came across the ‘History of Tres Dias’. Not the abbreviated version that is read on the weekends, but a

The reasons Cursillo and Tres Dias were birthed are still very prevalent today:

- empty churches and a sense of aimlessness and diminished dreams.
- few men in the Church after the tragedy of war in Spain.

If you consider your neighbors to your right, and to your left and across the street, how many of these would you say believe in the Lord and go to church regularly? Empty churches are as much a problem today as they were in 1949.

And if you consider the number of men participating in church activity today, I’d think you’d agree it is significantly less than the women. Even in our community this is true. The number of women who have made a Tres Dias weekend (371) outnumber the men (293) by 27%. Women’s teams are traditionally larger than men’s and participation at Openings, Mananitas and Closings is highly skewed towards women. Men’s weekends have been cancelled because of lack of team members and/or Spiritual Directors.

My Pastor contends that a healthy church has the active participation of its men and I think this is true for Tres Dias as well. So this month’s message is aimed at the men in the community – be the spiritual head of your household, read the Word, take your family to church regularly, participate on team, and support Weekends by letting God’s Agape love shine through you by attending Openings, Mananita’s, Closings and Secuelas!

Hm, sounds strangely familiar – kind of like living a life of Piety.

Be blessed,  
Gordon

**2015 Secretariat Meeting Schedule:**

*The Secretariat meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm unless there is a quarterly meeting within the RIMA community.*

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held at::*

Liberty Christian Center, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA

March 9, 2015

April 13, 2015

May 11, 2015

*Please remember that we are ALL members of the Secretariat. We would love to see your smiling faces!*

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**SERVERS NEEDED!**

Community involvement is an important part of Tres Dias! When candidates see Pescadores serving meals, sending palanca and attending Openings and Closings, it encourages them to become active members of the community. To this end, we are asking Pescadores to come out and serve the team and candidates at mealtimes.

Our desire is to have at least four persons at each meal to serve the team and candidates. two-hour commitment. We ask that you arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled mealtime. This will enable servers to be instructed in their responsibilities and have time to pray for the weekend together. Mealtimes are breakfast: 8 a.m., lunch: 12N and dinner: 5:30 p.m. Get together with Pescadores from your church or your Reunion Group or the last weekend you were on. Show God’s love in fun and exciting way! Please contact the team Community Coordinator, Leigh Gardner  
**Don’t procrastinate – call today!**

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**PRAY!! PRAY!! PRAY!!**

**Pray about sponsoring a candidate?**

We’ve noticed recently that most of the candidates on recent weekends have been sponsored by Team members. While this is good, and we hope it will continue, we also want to encourage the community at large to Sponsor folks from their churches. Is there someone you know who would be edified by a Tres Dias experience? Invite them to a spring weekend! Send application and sponsors forms to Helen Harvey, 134 New Rd., Thompson, CT 06277.

**UPCOMING SECUELA!!!**

There will be a Secuela, Friday evening, March 21st, 7:30 PM, at Liberty Christian Center, 159 Winthrop Street, Taunton, MA 02780, (508) 824-8431 . Please bring finger food and beverages to share. Coffee will be provided.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another –*

*and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*Heb. 10:23-25*



**UPCOMING WEEKENDS**

**2015**

*Spring Weekends:*

**Women’s:** April 23-26, 2015

Rector: Mary O’Keefe

**Men’s -** June 4-8, 2015

Rector: Eric Anderson

*Fall Weekends*

**Men’s -** September 16-20, 2015

Rector:

**Women’s -** October 22-25, 2015

Rector: Lorraine Queen

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**Thank You Becky!  
Welcome Lynne!**

Becky Shears, who has been so faithful in publishing the Butterfly for RIMA, has indicated she would like to retire. We thank you Becky for your tireless service and effort. Be blessed as you continue your walk with the Lord.

I am pleased to let you know that Lynne Cignarella has agreed to assume ‘editorship’ of this important communication channel, beginning with the April edition. Thank you Lynne for serving the Lord in this way!

## Our Roots

(History of Tres Dias)

Tres Dias traces its ancestry through Cursillo. Cursillo had its beginnings amid the turmoil and destruction of civil warfare and of the Second World War, which left Spain with empty churches and a sense of aimlessness and diminished dreams. Late in the 1940's, a sense of revival was stirring within the Roman Catholic Church. Small groups of friends in various Catholic action groups began to share their faith regularly to help one another. Pilgrimages were organized whereby men and women could rededicate their lives toward Christian ideals. Bishop Juan Hervas, who was active in action groups and renewal activities with the men on the island of Majorca, and Eduardo Bonin, who was involved with organizing pilgrimages, met through these sharing groups. They began to see how the church could benefit and the lives of people could be changed through studying and sharing their lives in Christ.

With a broadening vision of what these small sharing groups (reunion groups) could accomplish, weekly meetings produced periodic retreats where the reality of living a Christian life was intensely taught and experienced through support by reunion groups. These retreats became known as Cursillo de Cristiandad, which means "short course in Christianity." Originally the retreats grew out of the reunion groups!

There were few men in the Church after the tragedy of war in Spain. One prime objective in the early years was to revitalize the church by bringing men back into the activities of the church.

The Cursillo movement was confined to Spanish speaking countries until the late 1950's when a group of men from the Spanish Air Force, who were in training in Texas, and were in a Reunion Group, conducted the first Cursillo in the United States. Among the Spanish-speaking people the movement began to spread across the United States. The first English speaking Cursillo was held in the early 1960's.

Protestants who attended the weekends, saw the need to make the experience available to other Protestants. This led to the development of the

interdenominational Tres Dias. The first Tres Dias weekend was held in Newburgh, New York, November 2-5, 1972. Dave McManigal was its rector. He was a Protestant who had attended a Roman Catholic Cursillo and was led to be instrumental in forming Tres Dias. That weekend, then as now, was open to all Christian traditions.

Others involved in starting Tres Dias were Helmut Maier; and Bob and Mary Essert. Starting from the Mid-Hudson community in Newburgh/Poughkeepsie, New York, the movement spread rapidly. Pittsburgh was the second community; then Fairfield County, Connecticut, Northern New Jersey, Long Island, Maine, Central Connecticut, New Hampshire, and South Hudson. In the Spring of 1979, with the encouragement of the Mid-Hudson Secretariat, John McKinney formed an ad hoc "National" secretariat with Jim Thornley, Anton Wellbrock, Gerry Hoernes, and Bob Decker. That group produced initial drafts of a "National" constitution and "Essentials of Tres Dias". All other communities were invited to participate and refine the drafts.

On July 11, 1980, at Poughkeepsie, NY, the constitution and essentials were ratified and adopted by all of the above listed communities. The Tres Dias organization was formed as a national organization. The secretariats of the communities were chartered as local secretariats. John McKinney was the first president. Subsequently, Tres Dias was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in New York state ... and was recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. A "charter" member of the first National/International Tres Dias Secretariat, Peter Scharfenberg, labored for more than two decades ... stocking and shipping manuals and materials to Tres Dias people all over the world.

In 1985 Tres Dias became INTERNATIONAL when communities were chartered in Korea and Germany. Tens of thousands of people have made the weekend and tens of thousands of lives have become more committed to serving our Lord Jesus.

The reporters of this history pray that Tres Dias will continue to be faithful to God's spirit. May the people who have made a Tres Dias, be among the Christian leaders God uses to revitalize his people.

*A Message From The Rector*

The team for Women’s Tres Dias #65 is in place, and Team meeting have begun. Our scripture is:

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.  
Philippians 4:13 NKJV*

Meet the team:

- Rector – Mary O’Keefe
- Chief – Helen Harvey
- Spiritual Directors – Rev. Jewel Hardmon  
Rev. Kathy Bracken  
Rev. Thomasina Minor-Hill
- Music Director – Kathy King
- Prayer Team – Carolyn Newcombe  
Rosemary Breau  
Margaret Payne
- Angels:
- Rollo Room – Terry Miller
- Break Room – Linda Swan  
Gwen McFadden
- Chapel – Barbara Greenwald

- Float – Cleo Pearl
- Float – Ann DeMerchant
- Palanca – Anjanette Jones
- Palanca – Nadia Krivosheev
- Comm. Coord. – Leigh Gardner
- Table Leaders: Sue Landry  
Rev. Coretta Hardmon  
Judy Borman

- Rollistas:
- Ideals – Joyce St. Jean
- Piety --
- Church – Carolyn Newcombe
- Study – Rosemary Breau
- Action – Debbie Bouffard
- Leaders – Cleo Pearl
- Environments – Nancy Mandeville
- CCIA – Mabel Green
- Reunion Groups – Rebecca Shears
- Fourth Day – Mary O’Keefe

Please keep our weekend in your prayers - April 23-26, 2015.

DeColores,  
Mary O’Keefe

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**LOOKING FOR A REUNION GROUP  
TO JOIN OR JUST ATTEND??????**

2nd Wednesday every month @ 7:30pm  
Christ Community Church  
Blackstone, MA  
Joyce St. Jean 508-446-5542

2nd Tuesday every month @ 7pm  
Thornfield Hall  
330 Thompson Hill Thompson, CT.  
Margaret Payne 860-923-3099

2nd Tuesday every month @ 7pm  
Rose Breau's home  
16 Nicholas Rd. Raynham MA  
Rose Breau 508-801-5865

3rd Tuesday every month 10am brunch  
Sara Sabo's home  
243 Kemp Rd.Scotland CT  
Sara Sabo 860-456-0239

Wednesdays @ 6am  
Zips Diner  
Rt 101&12 Dayville CT  
Roland Boucher 401-641-3571

Saturdays @ 7am  
McDonalds, Dayville, CT  
VENUE CHANGES; PLEASE CALL FIRST  
Joe Truppa 860-774-4584  
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IF ANYONE IN THE RIMA TRES DIAS COMMUNITY ARE  
IN OTHER REUNION GROUPS NOT LISTED PLEASE LET  
ME KNOW ...BECKY SHEARS at  
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Butterfly (a poem, a story or anecdote about Tres Dias) please  
email me at [lynnepj36@aol.com](mailto:lynnepj36@aol.com) . I'd love to add something from  
our wonderful community! ☺

... *Peace to all of you who are in Christ*  
*1 Peter 5:14*

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