# JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS NEWSLETTER

Summer June 2013

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# Corpus Chrsiti Board of Directors.....

Would like to Thank Board members who are stepping off:

**Sonia Dowty** 

Marissa Vera-Herrera

**Curtis Cantwell** 

Diana Salinas

**Mary Richards** 

....and Welcome New Board

Members:

**Kathy Campbell** 

**David Weaver** 

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#### **Greetings!**

The JTD community is asked to help pitch in to set up and break down St. Theresa's Hall for Candlelight on Saturday June 15th. Please **contact Lisa Porche by phone at (361)726-8150** or by email at **pinkstitchings@yahoo.com** if you are able to assist. Set up will take place at 4 pm and breakdown follows Candlelight at approximately 9:30 pm. Each should take about 30 minutes.

**REMINDER:** Baby sitting is available in Daugherty Hall for Candlelight and Closing.

## **JTD** #116 Team - Wind Mill Journey

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Harly Day CHA
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Luis Flores ALD
Pete Flores LD
Owen Gallagher MUS DIR
Jessie Garcia CHA

Linda Avila

### **Upcoming JTD Dates**

CC - Men's JTD #116 June 13 - 16 Pete Flores

Houston - Men's JTD #117 Aug.1 - 4 Glenn DeMois

CC - Women's JTD #118 Aug. 8 - 11 Crystal Valdez

Central Texas - Women's JTD #123 Sept 12 - 15 Anna Adrian

CC - Men's JTD #119 Sept. 26 - 29 Shane Beckwith

Houston - Women's JTD #122 Oct 3 - 6 Cheryl Battaglia

Central Texas - Men's JTD #120 Oct 31 - Nov 1 Luis Aguilar

CC - Women's JTD #121 Nov. 21 - 24 Marisa Vera-Herrera

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> TALK SCHEDULE Friday, June 14

Priorities 8:35 AM Daniel Bluntzer
Grace 10:30 AM Sr. Angela Murdaugh
Priesthood All Believers 1:10 PM
Faith 2:30 PM Frank Rodriguez

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Saturday, June 15

Growth Through Study 8:20 AM **David Magouirk** Sacraments 9:40 AM Fr. Tom Goodwin **Christian Action** 1:30 PM Paul Pilzarczyk **Obstacles to Grace** 3:00 PM **Rev. Billy Storms** Discipleship 6:45 PM Jay Dillshaw Love & Unity 8:15 PM

Sunday, June 16

Changing Our World 9:15 AM Alan Lucke Body of Christ 10:15 AM Raymond Myska Perseverance / 4th Day 11:15 AM Pete Flores

SPONSOR HOUR

Thursday, June 13 6:30 PM

CANDLELIGHT

Saturday, June 15 8:00 PM

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#### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

Sunday, June 16

2:00 PM

# **JTD #116 Pilgrims and Sponsors**

Chris Chavez Luis Flores John Chavez Luis Flores Christopher Deliyannis Sang's Sisterhood Ty Dietz **Terry Gage** 

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# Journey to Damascus #118 August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2013

'Delight yourself in the Lord and HE will give you the desires of your heart" Psalms 37:4

The JTD #118 team has been building a special bond of spirit filled fellowship and is ready to serve our savior, Jesus Christ. We ask that you continue to lift up the team and the pilgrims in your prayers.

Crystal Salinas-Valdez Lay Director

Friday, August 9th		
Priorities	8:30	Cathy Benavides
	am	
Grace	10:30	Sister Angela
	am	
Priesthood of All	1:10	Catherine Lutz
Believers	pm	
Faith	2:30	Rev. Billy Storms
	pm	

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Life in Piety	6:50	Virginia Esquivel	
-	pm		
Saturday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>			
Growth Through Study	8:20	Valerie Uriegas	
	am		
Sacraments	9:40	Msgr. Roger Smith	
	am		
Christian Action	1:30	Denise Flores	
	pm		
Obstacles to Grace	3:00	Ceil McKinney	
	pm		
Discipleship	6:45	Sara Poe	
	pm		
Love and Unity (at	8:00	Melissa Cruz	
Candlelight)	pm		
Sunday, August 11 <sup>th</sup>			
Changing Our World	9:15	Adriana Lopez	
	am		
Body of Christ	10:15	Mary Richards	
	am		
Perseverance/4th Day	11:15	Crystal Valdez	
	am		

#### Journey # 118 Team:

Crystal Salinas-Valdez...... Lay Director
Msgr. Roger Smith...... Spiritual Director
Rev. Billy Storms..... Asst. Spiritual Director
Sister Angela...... Asst. Spiritual Director
Ceil McKinney..... Asst. Spiritual Director

Valerie Uriegas.....ALD
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#### **Angel Team**

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#### Music

Jo Fern Thomas, Music Director Hilda Gonzalez Stephanie Sananikone

## **JTD #119 September 2013**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God's team for JTD #119 is truly filled with the Holy Spirit and is quickly becoming one Body in Christ to serve the pilgrims He is calling to the weekend. We are halfway through our team meetings and I am continually amazed at how our complete faith in Him is so quickly and perfectly translated into blessings beyond measure. The outpouring of love and support from the community has been amazing and I am so very grateful. There has been more than one occasion that a need has been met by the community before I ever knew I needed it. God is SO good!! Please continue to keep the teams and pilgrims of all the 2013 Journey to Damascus weekends in your prayer and, above all, continue to cast your nets.....because Christ is counting on all of us.

In His love, Shane Beckwith Lay Director JTD #119

#### **JTD #120 November 2013**

This hope does not disappoint because God's love

has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5

#### **Dear JTD Community,**

The JTD #121 team was rapidly assembled with a great group of Christ loving women ready to serve the pilgrims that the Holy Spirit calls for Nov 21-24, 2012. We are all on fire and so excited as we move along and prepare for the weekend. Please contact me if you would like to help with Agape items. We have also set up the prayer vigil at <a href="https://www.3dayol.org">www.3dayol.org</a> - Please sign up to pray for our team and pilgrims during the weekend.

De Colores, Marisa Vera-Herrera, LD marisitd@hotmail.com

Michele Hoelscher, Board Rep Alison Alonzo, ALD Patty Hawkins, ALD Laurene Raleigh, ALD Joanna Busenlehner, Co Head Angel Cortney Weaver, Co Head-Angel Vicki Synovitz, Music Director

# JTD 2014 Lay Directors Our Lady of Corpus Christi Retreat Center

Feb 27 - March 4...... Martha Ruiz
April 10-13 ....... Michael Wagoner
June 12-15 ...... Celeste Lutz
July 24-26...... Gary Richards
August 7-10 ...... Lori Green
September 18-21 ..... Norman Acker
October 16-19 ...... Belinda Saenz

LD Training start time will be changing to 10:30 am: Saturday, July 20, beginning at 10:30 am and ending with a Mass at 5:30 at St Pius X.

## Letter from Theresa Arzimendi, LD JTD #114

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Journey to Damascus #114 held on the weekend of April 11-14, was right amongst the rest of the Journey's as being "THE BEST JOURNEY EVER". Was it because we had 36 beautiful pilgrims who came to us ready for all the new experiences and left that Sunday afternoon filled to the brim with the love of the Holy Spirit, the love of their fellow pilgrims and the team, and last but most definitely not least full of Our

FANTATISTIC Cook Team's Awesome Cooking? That was most assuredly part of it; however they also left with the love and blessings that you, the Community shared most generously with them. You provided beautiful gifts of agape; you participated in the 72 hour prayer vigil; you FILLED the gym for Candlelight and then again filled the building for Closing. Without you we could not have had the Amazing Weekend that we had for these pilgrims and the team. As one of our team members so beautifully wrote in her "Love and Unity Talk" it takes more than 400 plus people for a Journey Weekend to be successful; Spiritual, Music, ALD's, Board Rep., Head Angels, Angels, and Table Leadership, thank you again for saying yes to being on team. Those that provided agape, served the agape meal, set up, took down, decorated, hosted the ice cream social, to our photographer who took our weekend pictures and got them developed, those that sewed, those that ran errands, those that helped with the designing and putting together of our beautiful nametags, to our registrar who worked endless hours with me to help have all the information on the pilgrims ready for the weekend and those that worked quietly behind the scenes that many don't know about to help to get things ready before the weekend, to keep things going through the weekend and to help pack it all up at the end of the weekend from the bottom of my very Humbled Heart I thank you. A weekend cannot be complete without the cross that is so lovingly made for a Lay Director, there are just no words to thank you enough for the beautiful work of your hands to provide for us this cross, thank you Randy. Most finally, though, you are at the bottom of this note you are not last, you are just the hardest to tell Thank You, is my loving husband, Richard and dear son, J.J. for the endless love, support and hours of work that you helped put in from the beginning when I said "yes" to the end when we put the last box away, I love you both. This weekend's scripture Is 64:7 "Yet, Oh Lord you are our father, we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." The scripture speaks of how our Loving Lord has made us all. May we each continue to feel His Love as He continues to mold us and we continue to do His many works, for without our Loving Lord, we would have nothing and be nothing. Pilgrims, Team and Community may God's Blessings be upon you always. From my very Humbled Heart with love and my continued prayers for you all, I thank each and every one of you, for everything.

De Colores,

Theresa Arizmendi

# Central Texas Women's Weekend, JTD

#123

"THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS..." JOHN 15:13

SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2013 THE OMEGA RETREAT CENTER 216 WEST HIGHLAND DRIVE BOERNE, TX 78066 www.BenedictineMinistries.org

THIS PASSAGE CAME TO MY HEART AND MIND IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING ASKED TO SERVE AS LAY DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTRAL TEXAS

COMMUNITY. IT'S TRULY AMAZING TO ME THAT PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO PUT ASIDE THEIR OWN DAILY LIFE IN ORDER TO DRIVE 3-HOURS ROUND TRIP TO ATTEND THE TEAM MEETINGS ON A SATURDAY MORNING! I KNOW HOW TOUGH IT IS TO GET "ONE MORE THING" ADDED TO OUR ALREADY BUSY LIVES, ESPECIALLY WHEN PLANNING AROUND SUMMER VACATIONS. I THANK GOD FOR THE WOMEN THAT ARE ABLE AND WILLING TO SERVE. THE TEAM OF JTD #123 IS SO EXCITED TO SERVE THE LORD, SPREAD HIS WORD, AND SHINE HIS LIGHT IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS AREA.

WE HAVE BEEN TRULY BLESSED WITH AN AWESOME TEAM AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION. WE HAVE SHARED LAUGHTER, TEARS, AND MADE MANY NEW FRIENDS. WE ARE HUMBLED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST WITH THE PILGRIMS. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN WITH US THROUGHOUT OUR TEAM FORMATION AND WILL CONTINUE TO LIGHT THE WAY FOR ALL THE PILGRIMS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE JTD #123 WEEKEND. WE PRAY THAT WE WILL ALL GROW MORE IN HIS LOVE AND BE GUIDED BY HIS WORD IN ALL OUR 4TH DAYS. WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR ALL THE PRAYERS, LOVE AND SUPPORT OF THE DAMASCUS, EMMAUS, CURSILLO, AND ACTS COMMUNITIES. WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PRAY THAT CHRIST'S LIGHT WILL SHINE ON THE TEAM AND PILGRIMS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING.

DE COLORES, ANNA ADRIAN, LAY DIRECTOR

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