

JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

July 2017 Newsletter

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Reminders This Weekend

Corpus Christi Men's Journey to Damascus #167
Pax Christi Sisters Retreat Center
July 13 - 16, 2017
Sponsor Service - July 13 - 6:30p m
Candlelight - July 15 - 8:00 pm
Closing - July 16 - 2:00 pm

JTD # 167 - Corpus Christi Men's



Journey to Damascus # 167

Corpus Christi

July 13 - 16, 2017

But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found.

Luke 15:32

SAVE THE DATE!

JTD #170 - Corpus Christi Women's
September 14-17, 2017

2017 Weekends

JTD #170 - Corpus Christi Women's
September 14 - 17
Helen Orsak

JTD #162 - Central Texas Men's
Sept 28 - Oct. 1

JTD #172 - Corpus Christi Men's
October 26 - 29
Darrell Thompson

JTD #169 - Central Texas Women's
December 14 - 17

Brothers and Sisters of the Journey Community,

The weekend is rapidly approaching and we are staying in prayer as the Team is tying up loose ends.

The community has been awesome with their support as we filled up the Prayer Vigil very quickly. We are also in good shape regarding the Agape list. However, we will need the community to pitch in with weekend agape (pillow and presentation room).

We have also been blessed with a full complement of Pilgrims. "Thank you Journey Community!!!"

Please mark your calendar and join us for Candlelight and the closing ceremony at the PAX Christi Retreat Center.

May God Bless each and every one of you,
DeColores,

John Curry
Lay Director, Journey to Damascus #167

Lay Director

John Curry
"Fourth Day/Perseverance"

Spiritual Director

Fr. Jose Lopez
"Sacraments"

Spiritual Team

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"Faith"
Deacon David Castillo
"Grace"
Sister Teresa Diaz
"Obstacles to Grace"

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"Priesthood of all Believers"
Steven Bernal
Andre Adrian
Roland Vera
Mark DeKoch
Mike Calk

Assistant Table Leaders

Tom Crossland
Ernie Trevino
James Sousa
Mike Riley
Louis Posada
Mike Morgan
"Growth through Study"

Music Team

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"Music Team Director"
Alex Bayarena
Abel Torres
Frank Newell

Co-Head Chas

Tino Ramos
"Love and Unity"
Robert Ramos
"Changing Our World"

Chas

Joe Riojas
Mike Reilly
"Discipleship"
Chris Rivera
Abel Canales
Mario Ramirez
Gerry DeCesaro
Duwayne Edge
Narciso Zamora
Doug Matthijetz
Hector Rendon
Rene Garcia
Mitch Hippensteal
Benjamin Oliveira
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Gino Saenz
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 Steve Garza
 Chris Meyer
 Keith Ramirez
 Joe Martinez

JTD # 170 - Corpus Christi Women's



**Journey to Damascus
170**

Corpus Christi

September 14 - 17, 2017

Father, if it be Your will, take this cup from me. Yet, not my will but Yours be done."

Luke 22: 39-42

Brothers and Sisters of the Journey Community,

God gave JTD 170 the most incredible team. I wish to thank each one of the team members for saying yes to God's call to serve Him and the pilgrims.

The talks have been more than I could ask for and I know they will touch the hearts and open the eyes of the pilgrims. My prayers have been answered. Please keep your prayers and agape coming. Most of All send PILGRIMS.

Decolores,
Helen Orsak
LD JTD#170

Past LD Thank You

Dear Ohana (family),

In the last newsletter I shared with you that I felt like I was planning a wedding. Indeed, that is what I felt like at candlelight when I saw all your glowing faces, like I was at a wedding feast. I can't tell you what part of the 'wedding' (the Journey weekend) was the most memorable. I just remember being in awe, seeing Christ in every aspect of it, in the team, in the pilgrims and in the community.

The St Elsewhere team greeted the pilgrims on Thursday night with a

Hawaiian style welcome that calmed their anxieties and fears. When we walked into the dining room area on Thursday night to officially start the weekend there was chattering and laughter...the pilgrims had already started bonding! Our tireless host of angels, led by Marila and Janice, met their (and our) every need with joy and laughter. Throughout the entire weekend their energized servants hearts created a loving, safe environment for our pilgrims. The ALDs, Marivel, Adelita and Liz, led each day with confidence and dedication, keeping us amazingly close to our timeline. Our Spiritual Directors, Fr. Paul, Rev. John, Rev. Gwen and Sr. Teresa provided warm, gentle, loving spiritual comfort and direction. A bit of laughter and humor made everyone feel at ease. Our Music Team, led by Melissa, brought levity, dancing, calm and quiet, making the tone and mood of the moment perfect. The first meeting of our newly formed Sand Dollar Doves Reunion Group led 22 of our team and pilgrims backed to a place of love and unity created by our weekend. All are looking forward to the surprise performance of the 4th Day Hula Troup at our Afterglow Hukilau!

A year ago, when I started my personal journey, my desire was to improve my prayer life, with it collaterally affecting my relationships. Hard work, trust and obedience has resulted in an overflowing heart, overflowing with love and gratitude for all the new relationships as well as strengthened 'old' relationships God has blessed me with. God placed an amazing Board Rep, Marisa, on my right hand to guide me and mentor me and a loving, supportive husband, Ned, on my left hand to keep me grounded and my priorities straight.

The pilgrims of JTD#166 can't help but be forever changed after truly experiencing a corner of heaven!

Magnifying Him and Rejoicing in You (the Body of Christ),
Laurene Raleigh, LD JTD#166



Board of Director's Note

Journey to Damascus #1 was a men's weekend that took place February 4-7, 1999 here in Corpus Christi. As we welcome the pilgrims of JTD #167 this weekend, more than 18 years later, I find it prudent to reflect on and give thanks to the Walk to Emmaus Community for being the instrument God used to breathe life into this Journey to Damascus ministry we love so much. Without their efforts and a collective commitment to ecumenism, Journey to Damascus would not exist. In fact, the entire mass of people that gathered for JTD #1 Candlelight were members of the Walk to Emmaus community. As an effort to say thank you and to rekindle a spirit of love and unity between the two communities, I encourage all of you to join me in attending Candlelight for Walk to Emmaus #2001 on Saturday, July 29th, at 8:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall on Lantana Street. Just like JTD, the WTE Candlelight will start promptly at 8:00 with the team and pilgrims walking in around 9:00.

Please join me in bringing the light of Christ's love to the hearts of the WTE pilgrims!

In other news, after 10 years of serving as Registrar for Journey to Damascus, Michele Hoelscher has, after much reflection and prayer, officially retired from position. We want to thank Michele for her years of commitment and service to this ministry. Although she will no longer be handling pilgrim/sponsor applications, she has elected continue receiving all team fees. In light of this, we are pleased to announce that longtime JTD alumni and current board member, Anna Adrian, has volunteered to take over as the new JTD Registrar. We want to thank Anna for answering "Here I am Lord" to Christ's call to this vital position. All Pilgrim and Sponsor applications, including payment or request for scholarship, will continue to be mailed to the PO Box noted on the applications, or you can drop them by Anna's office at 825 Cantwell Lane (78408). Pilgrim, Sponsor and Team applications can be found on the Journey to Damascus website, www.journeytodamascus.org We ask that you do not email the pilgrim/sponsor applications to the JTD email address or give them to a team member because it could delay your pilgrim from getting on the pilgrim roster in a timely fashion.

See you all at Candlelight!!!

May our Triune God continue to bless, guide and fill this ministry and this community with His amazing grace, hope and love!

In His love,
Shane Beckwith
BOD President

Sr. Angela Murdaugh Scholarship Fund

We are also very pleased to announce the establishment of the Sister Angela Murdaugh Scholarship Fund. The goal is to be able to pay the weekend fee for one pilgrim per JTD weekend from this scholarship. To raise money to fund this endeavor we are selling JTD car emblems. The cost of the emblems is \$15 for one and \$25 for two. We should have the car emblems for sale before candlelight services and at the Sunday weekend closings. If you would like to order emblems for your Reunion group or to sell at your team meetings please contact Dale Hernandez at dale_hernandez@yahoo.com.



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