



A Unique 3 Day Journey With Christ

1. Things You Should Tell a Candidate

Remember that a good experience during a Tres Dias weekend can be ensured when one goes with proper attitude, and a good attitude comes from knowing a little about what to expect. Explain about the sleeping and eating arrangements (candidates share a room, but not a bed; meals are served in the dining hall). You can let them know that there will be 15 presentations dealing with subjects like setting priorities, how to improve your knowledge about God, how to be a disciple and how to persevere in faith. Let them know that there is time spent in discussing the presentations. You can tell them that time spent in the chapel each day and that communion is emphasized, but is voluntary. Let them know there's plenty of good food, fellowship, fun and opportunity to grow in their relationship with Christ.

Please explain to your candidate the cloistered nature of the Weekend. You can suggest that they leave cell phones, computers, pagers, cameras, radios, etc., at home so that they can truly leave their "worldly cares" behind and concentrate fully on participating during the weekend. Should there be an emergency, there is a way to get in touch with them.

2. Things You Might Not Wish to Tell a Candidate

There are no secrets in Tres Dias, however I remember my spouse coming back from the weekend and saying to me, "There were some really neat things that happened, but I don't know if they'll happen on your weekend or not, so I don't want to spoil any surprises or disappoint you by saying too much." I understood and appreciated their thoughtfulness, and did not ask any questions. The Serenade has its own special effect in showing God's love and it's better kept as a surprise. Palanca is an expression of love through sacrifice. It's a touching experience for a candidate and shouldn't be spoiled. The personal letters can't be described adequately as you don't know what each person will be writing, so you might want to keep this as a surprise, too. You can explain that weekends have surprise blessings prepared for the candidates, but we will answer any questions posed if asked.



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3. Prayer

It's prayer that has drawn you and your candidate together. Please continue to pray, focusing on how your candidate can become a more vital and alive Christian. Pray for their family, their job, and the Weekend Team.

4. Serenade

Attending Serenade on the Saturday evening is greatly appreciated and is an important way to show support for the candidates. It's very important that you or your spouse attend the Serenade. If you're not married and are the same sex as your candidate, encourage a Pescadore who knows your candidate to attend. Your candidate will be looking for a familiar face among the serenaders! Please remember that Tres Dias policy does not permit spouses of candidates to attend the Serenade.

5. Palanca

If you are providing Palanca for the Weekend, it can be dropped off in the Palanca room once you have let your candidate out at the Dorm. You will also be invited to sign up for one hour of "Prayer Palanca" on the 72-hour prayer wheel for each candidate you sponsor.

6. Closing

Arrive at 4:00 pm and remain at the bottom of the hill, near your car, until a team member gives the 'all clear' to proceed to the Rollo Room (same room as the Send Off). Closing should start between 4:30 – 5:00 pm. Pick up your candidate's luggage after the Closing ceremony and be prepared to stop for supper on the way home; your new Pescadore hasn't eaten since Sunday lunch!

Remind your Pescadore of the confidentiality of the sharing that took place on the Weekend, and of the need to preserve Palanca and Serenade as surprises for their spouse (if applicable) and for future candidates!



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We ask that children not attend either Send-Off or Closing. Closing is a time for the candidates to share with the community their experience with God. Please remember that Tres Dias policy also does not permit individuals who have not attended a Tres Dias, Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus or Vida Nueva Weekend to attend Closing.

7. Remembering the Fourth Day

After the person has attended his or her weekend, don't forget them. Spend time together helping the new Pescadore to digest the experience. Help them to take those first steps in the right direction. Bring them to the first Secuela after their weekend. Encourage them as they get involved in their church and community. Help them to understand how they can serve the Tres Dias community as well. Talk about signing up for the Prayer Wheel for other weekends, serving on a Team, donating Palanca, attending Send Off, Closing and Secuelas. Help guide them as they sponsor their first candidate.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact our Pre-Weekend person at register@tresdiasottawa.ca.