



Central Connecticut Tres Dias Sponsor's Form

Dear Sponsor,

Sponsorship must be viewed as a total commitment, not just a partial act of selection.

Sponsorship means to help someone become more of a leader for Christ through the Tres Dias experience. As a sponsor, consider the following:

1. **If a Candidate has already attended a Cursillo, Sonshine Via de Cristo or Walk to Emmaus weekend they are "ALREADY A PESCADORE OF TRES DIAS". Encourage them to support the weekend with prayer. Encourage them to donate their time and talents by helping fill the needs requested by the Rectors. Encourage them to pray about serving on team.**
2. Recognition that Tres Dias is not for everyone. Offering Tres Dias to someone comes only after I am willing to make a significant commitment to that person. If I am unwilling to make that commitment, I should not be a sponsor.
3. Have I honestly looked at my reasons for sponsoring?
4. Do I know the person or do I just know about the person?
5. Have I prayed for guidance and sought counsel with other experienced Pescadores? Is this the right time for the candidate?
6. How do I feel regarding sponsorship of this person's spouse? If possible the applications for married couples should be submitted together.

If you sponsor a candidate, please make sure you inform your candidate of the following:

1. It is a cloistered weekend. This is a weekend for the candidate to deepen a personal relationship with Jesus and we accomplish this by removing outside distractions
2. Inform your candidate that there will be a period of silence at bedtime Thursday night that will only last till after Friday morning's chapel. This helps with the transition into the weekend.
3. Discuss that there are **No** phone calls, cell phones or pagers as they would interrupt the talks, singing and personal fellowship. Their loved ones will be supplied with an emergency number.
4. **Discuss the expense of the weekend which is now \$325 per person. If there are financial difficulties, find out what they could afford to donate. Each candidate's donation should be collected in full prior to the weekend. Could you possibly help them out? Checks should be made out to CCTD and sent to pre-weekend committee with application.**

Inform the pre-weekend committee so we can resolve any disparity in the expense of the weekend. All information will be held in confidence.

Weekend Support includes providing transportation, praying for the weekend, providing a general palanca letter to the weekend, along with a personal palanca letter to their candidates, offering to help the candidate's family, providing baby-sitting for children if needed, attending the opening and closing, or meeting any other needs that would be helpful.

Fourth Day Support is your commitment to help the new pescadore live the fourth day as it is presented on the weekend, by encouraging the new pescadore to join or form a Reunion group and to attend secuelas and secretariat meetings. In general, the sponsor should be responsive to the needs of the new pescadore until he or she is established in the Fourth Day.

I have read the above and agree to support my candidate on the weekend and during the Fourth Day.

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

YOUR NAME: _____ Telephone () _____

ADDRESS: _____ Town _____

STATE/ZIP _____ YOUR CHURCH _____

WHEN AND WHERE DID YOU MAKE TRES DIAS OR SIMILAR WEEKEND? \

(Please fill out back of this form)

Today's Date: _____

Requested Tres Dias Date: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Why do you think the candidate should make a Tres Dias Weekend?

How long have you known and how well do you know your candidate?

How would you describe your candidate? (outgoing, quiet, leader, follower etc.)

Other information which might be helpful to better support your candidate on the weekend?

To your knowledge, does the candidate have any physical, emotional or spiritual problems? _____

Are you active in Fourth Day Activities? (please circle) YES NO

If yes: Reunion Group Secuelas Other (specify)

If not in a reunion group, would you be willing to join or to start one? YES NO

Would you like to be contacted concerning reunion groups? YES NO

Please read the sponsorship responsibilities as outlined on the reverse side of this form under Weekend Support and Fourth Day Activities and indicate who will provide the following:

- * Transportation _____
- * Prayer Support _____
- * General Palanca _____
- * Personal Palanca _____
- * Attending Opening/Closing _____
- * Assisting Candidates Family _____
- * Finding a Reunion Group _____

Did you explain the terms Secretariat, Secuela, and Reunion Group to your candidate? Yes NO

Have you read the Statement of Belief? Yes No

If you or your candidate has any questions concerning the statement, it is recommended that you contact clergy for clarification.

**Return completed candidate application and sponsor's form to:
Judi LeMasurier, 294 Atwood Rd., Thomaston, CT 06787**