



APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dearest Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

With much joy we welcome everyone to another year filled with Journey to Damascus weekends. It has been a little struggle getting back on track since COVID, however the Journey to Damascus community has persevered and is back on track. Our 2023 lay directors and their teams are on their way getting ready for their weekends. JTD 210 women's weekend is underway as we read this and everything is going beautifully. We would like to personally invite you to get involved with this weekend and the other four left for this year: sponsor a pilgrim, deliver agape, attend sponsor hour, candlelight & closing.

Also, we have some exciting news the 2024 lay directors will be announced very, very soon! Praise God that these women and men have said YES to leading more weekends next year. Let's keep all of them in prayer as they prepare to get their training done so they can work on selecting their team! Please reach out to them if you're interested in being considered to serve.

We are currently planning our first ever casino night, so stay tuned for that announcement. If you're interested in helping with this planning and any other fundraising, reach out to any Board member. Our prayer is that you feel the commitment from the Board and are as eager as we are to get involved with bringing others closer to Christ as we have done for over 200 Journey weekends.

In God's Grace, let's remain.

De Colores!!

Mariza Rodriguez

Interim JTD BOD President

*Be kind and
compassionate to one
another, forgiving each
other, just as in Christ God
has forgiven you.*

Ephesians 4:32

JTD #210: APRIL 13-16, 2023



Dear Journey to Damascus
Community,

There is so much excitement and anticipation for the first journey of 2023!! The women's JTD #210 is scheduled for April 13-16, 2023. Our scripture for the weekend is Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven you."

The team has committed themselves to serving the pilgrims and each other and are 100% ready to go! These beautiful ladies happily attended three team meetings in a row that were scheduled every two weeks due to the winter holidays. Our talks, tears, laughter, spiritual direction and lots of food helped our team truly bond.

Our awesome Journey to Damascus community has hit a "home run" with all that has been offered to us: agape, food, team meals, books, pilgrim sponsorship, filling the prayer vigil, etc. Every day we receive calls from individuals and reunion groups asking what else we need help with. The Holy Spirit is moving - Praise God for this loving community!

Please continue to pray for the team and especially for the pilgrim as the weekend gets closer. We look forward to the best part of the weekend: CANDLELIGHT. We can't wait for that beautiful moment when the pilgrims realize how much they are loved. I'm sure you remember that special moment of your pilgrim journey.

Please mark your calendars to join us at Candlelight on Saturday, April 15, beginning at 8 p.m. In addition, please join us for closing ceremonies on Sunday, April 16, at 2 p.m. in St Joseph's Hall. What a blessing that our beautiful weekend ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. We pray that many will attend and welcome our new community members.

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Lucy Lozano
Lay Director, JTD #210

Lay Director

Lucy Lozano
"4th Day/Perseverance"

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"Sacraments"

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4. Barbara Rasmussen
5. Mary Leal
6. Lucy Tavares
7. Loretta Perez
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10. Alexis Charles
11. Alyssa Salinas
12. Shannon Ybarra
13. Lori Valverde
14. Maria Martinez
15. Brandy Vera
16. Stacie Murrah
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20. Rodona Henderson
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26. Sandy De Leon
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Submit an online PILGRIM/SPONSOR application

JTD 2023 Weekends

JTD #210

April 13-16, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Lucy Lozano

[Women's JTD #210: April 13-16 Prayer signup](#)

JTD #213

June 15 - 18, 2023 – Corpus Christi - LD Casey Mengele

[Men's JTD #213: June 15 - 18 Prayer signup](#)

JTD #212



July 27 - 30, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Marila Colunga

[Women's JTD #212: July 27 - 30 Prayer Signup](#)

JTD #215

September 14-17, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Byron Unterbrink

[Men's JTD #215: Sept 14-17 Prayer signup](#)

JTD #216

November 2 - 5, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Mariza Rodriguez

[Women's JTD #216: November 2-5 Prayer Signup](#)

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



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. If you would like to order emblems for your Reunion group or to sell at your team meetings please contact Journeybod@gmail.com

Journey to Damascus is an ecumenical weekend retreat based in Corpus Christi, Texas. The mission of the Journey to Damascus is to inspire, challenge and equip the Christian Laity to witness for Christ on a daily basis. This will be accomplished in ecumenical fashion through the Journey to Damascus Weekend and the Fourth Day activities. For more information on JTD, visit: JourneytoDamascus.org

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