

JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER



TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND ATTENDEES WHO CAME OUT TO SPEND THE EVENING WITH US ON OCTOBER 13TH, 2023. OUR FIRST ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. EVERYONE ENJOYED A WONDERFUL EVENING OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND GREAT PRIZES.WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S GENEROSITY.















JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS #216



Dear JTD Family,

As a community, we have collectively been praying for the continued success of our mission with the Journey to Damascus movement. Well, here we are at number 216. This wouldn't be possible without your fervent prayers in bringing others to Christ. We have prayed together that others see Christ within us, however, as easily as those words flow from our lips, this isn't a simple task for us to carry out. We are called to do our part and actually ask ourselves: "What Would Jesus Do?" YOU, my brothers and sisters, have shown our team what Jesus would do since the initial announcement of JTD216. Prayers and agape have been pouring in since the beginning, even before the agape list was published. To know that some of you have been praying a daily rosary for JTD216 is truly heartfelt and I promise to pay these efforts forward. I have been humbled and recognize who the Journey to Damascus community truly is and I can't thank God enough for giving me such a huge circle of true friendships and even some whom I call family. This truly is God's team and we are ready for the task! We have been prayerfully preparing for this delicate task at hand. I speak for the team when I share with you that we have experienced the thoughts of not being worthy circling to "I AM READY." However, we can't do this alone on the weekend, I implore you to continue praying for the team, every single team member including our prayer chapel coordinator and prayer warriors in there. Additionally, I humbly ask that you make plans to attend:

• Sponsor Hour, even if you don't have a pilgrim, as to unite in prayer for our pilgrims,

• Candlelight and show our pilgrims a glimpse of what Heaven looks like with your precious smiles and angelic voices,

• Closing and help welcome our pilgrims to this wonderful Journey to Damascus community.

Remember, Christ is counting on you!

De Colores, Mariza Rodriguez Lay Director, JTD #216

Spiritual Director Father Scott Braathen "Sacraments"

Spiritual Team Deacon David Castillo "Obstacles to Grace" Reverend Gwen Perkins "Faith" Reverend Ceil McKinney "Grace"

Board Representative Michele Hoelscher

Lay Director Mariza Rodriguez "Fourth Day/Perseverance"

Observing Lay Director Sonia Dowty

Assistant Lay Directors Marlena Boatright "Christian Action" Jessica Moya "Changing our World" Christa Creek "Priorities"

Table Leaders Lucy Montalvo Assistant Table Leaders Regina De Los Santos Anna Chapa Jessica Carrion Liliana Davies Brittany Navarro Krystle Tovar "Life in Piety" Amanda McBride

Co-Head Angels Romy Doherty "Body of Christ" Veronica Sisk "Discipleship"

Angels **Rosalva Trevino Cindy Garcia** Patricia Barrera **Dale Perez Cindi Rose** Soila Whitaker **Edna Alonso Nelva Ramos** Lisa Hernandez **Macie Gold Debra Gonzalez Arlena Porras Elizabeth Yzaguirre Blessing Willesden Becky Weaver**

Kera Steward Heather Sanchez *"Growth Thru Study"* Velma Garcia Roxanna Doucet Erlinda Klubertanz Norma Martinez *"Priesthood of All Believers"* Carole Wemken Selena Loza Marisa Flores

Music Katelijne Acker, Director Magda Madla Melanie Brown Terri-Lynne Schofield Marila Colunga

Pilgrim Cynthia Adrian **Jennifer Alaniz Hillary Alaniz Tiffany Almaguer** Nevolena Bernal Juliana Besinaiz-Rossum **Elizabeth Bradfute** Monica Carranza **Beverly Dickson** Yoli Garcia Clara Guerra Roxanna Guerrero **Angie Gunning Odilia Guzman** Kelli Hedfelt Sandie Herpin Hannah LaFond Leticia Lara Jolie Lira Maria Lopez Tanya Lozano **Cynthia Martinez Debra Morin** Janie Munguia Sophia Padron **Ashley Perez Veronica Perez Michelle Power Roxanne Ramirez Cristina Robles Rosie Rodriguez** Myra Shireman **Marisela Silva** Elisabel Soto Susan Soulas Amanda Stewart **Gloria Taylor**

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Betty Tomanec Darlene Trujillo Mary Ann Valverde-Gomez Lora Williams Blessing Willesden Debbie Rivera Anna Adrian & Lucy Lozano Heather Sanchez

JTD 215 September 14-17th, 2023

"What the Lord requires of you: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God" Micah 6:8

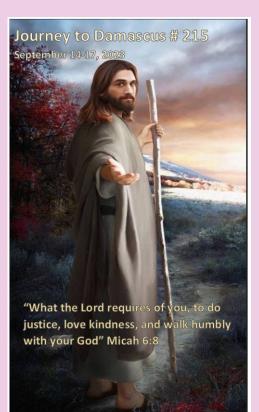
Dear Journey to Damascus Community,

First of all I wanted to thank God for a wonderful weekend. I also want to give a thank you to the JTD community for all of your thoughts, prayers, and encouragement during our team formation, and during the weekend. Thank you for showing up at candlelight and giving the pilgrims and team a memorable experience. It was amazing to see how everything came together.

The team did a wonderful job giving their time, talent and treasure to the Journey weekend. The talks were inspiring, insightful, and wonderfully received. Our spiritual team did a great job providing spiritual guidance and leading the team and pilgrims throughout the weekend. The music team sounded awesome and kept us entertained with some humorous assessments of the pilgrim projects. The cook team provided us with some great meals and they just kept coming... "God Bless the Cooks!!"

Once again thank you the Board of Directors and the community as a whole for responding to every need and being an example of a wonderful Christian community. De Colores,

Byron Unterbrink Lay Director, JTD # 215



UP COMING JOURNEY WEEKENDS for 2024....

JTD #219 March 14-17, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Jesse Garcia

JTD #220 April 18-21, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Sonia Dowty

JTD #222 June 13-16, 2024- Corpus Christi - LD: Robert Ramos JTD #223 July 25-28, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Debra Mendoza

JTD #225 September 12-15, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Bill Green

JTD #227 October 17-20, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Jessica Moya

The lay directors or a representative from their St. Elsewhere will be updating their status at every Candlelight. Feel free to reach out to them and let them know you are available to work the team weekend.

Team applications can be found on our JTD website: www.journeytodamascus.org or on the link below.

Applications

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