

Dear Pescador,

Welcome to your Fourth Day and welcome to the Long Island Tres Dias Community. You have, I hope, experienced, in some measure, God's love for you during these past three days. As your fourth day lengthens you will have the opportunity to reflect upon the weekend itself and your place in it. A part of this reflection is your contemplation on how you are using your fourth day to grow in the love of Christ. Another part, may be your concern to share this love with others by sponsoring them for a future Tres Dias weekend. And it is to this subject that this letter is addressed

"Whom should I invite to make a Tres Dias," is the customary question and the answer is family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and fellow church members. "Who is the ideal candidate?" -a person who is a mature stable Christian adult, not necessarily one who is born again; but one of those many nominal Christians about whom you have heard this weekend. Persons who you believe can step forth and be Christian leaders within their church community and who, could, after participating in the method of spiritual development advanced by Tres Dias, be willing to dedicate their lives to God on a day-to-day basis in an ongoing relationship with Him.

The Tres Dias experience is not for everyone, and you must be objective about this with respect to those you consider to be candidates for a weekend Tres Dias is not a means to resolve problems that a person might have with alcohol, drugs, emotional instability, a failing marriage or some other conditions producing an unstable life situation. Personal problem solving is not the purpose of Tres Dias and the team members are not trained to handle such serious situations. Usually, people who have these problems are not emotionally stable to make a real ongoing commitment to Christ or to assume the role of Christian leadership. Sometimes the Tres Dias experience can aggravate such problems; so it is imperative that you give prayerful thought to sponsorship; and if any candidate of yours is so involved, please discuss it with one of the more experienced members of the community

What do you tell a prospective candidate? Especially spouse? First of all don't be secretive about the weekend, as Tres Dias is not a secret society." Answer questions as honestly as you can only don't give away the surprises. Tell the prospect, that it's a structured weekend with; some talks, some sharing a lot of singing, chapel services with communion & too much eating. You can tell them that there's nothing to be afraid of, there's no theology imposed, no commitments forced upon you, just a joyous time. Don't tell them about palanca, the mananita, the agape, the apostolic hour or the closing as these are the surprises of the weekend and you want your candidate to enjoy them as you did and don't go hugging each other as this can turn people off as they aren't aware of the significance.

Prospective candidates will find it difficult to understand how the mechanics of the weekend, as you describe them, can lead to a powerful renewal. Tres Dias must be experienced in order to understand it.

All in all, simply be simple in your answers -be forthright and honest, and have understanding of your questioners and of course, let the love of Jesus shine forth from you. I hope that these few words will be of some help to you, and I pray that God will richly bless you in your fourth day and fill you to overflowing. He loves you and so do I. See you at the next Secuela.

In His name