



# Via de Cristo

Southern California and the Central Valley



## Rectora's Report VdC #48

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# President's Corner

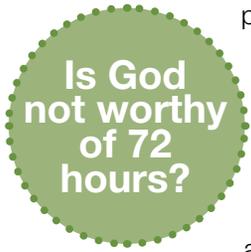
## Worthy of My Attention.

I have a confession.....I'm addicted to my smart phone. There, I said it! I feel better.....You see, at my finger tips, I can read or send an email, I can surf the internet, I can stroll through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or I can even make a phone call. I am so addicted to my phone, I gave up all Social Media for Lent. (What a blessing that was!) So much at my finger tips, yet with so much, we can miss out on the blessing God sets before us. What do I mean? At times we are so connected that we miss opportunities. We miss the quiet time with God, we miss the connection with the people physically in our presence.

When Via de Cristo started, we didn't have Smart Phones, we had cell phones that made phone calls only and service was spotty at best. When we arrived for a weekend on Thursday night, we were asked to put away our watches and only the Core Team had watches for time keeping purposes. And because our phones had horrible service, we turned them off and packed them away too.

Now with advanced technology, our phones have become an appendage that we feel we can't live without. I've noticed that even during a weekend people are on their phones, texting, surfing the internet, playing games or checking Facebook. We ask the Pilgrims to "give up" their watches and cell phones..... shouldn't we be willing to do the same? Why work a weekend? I can tell you that I work a weekend, not only to serve, but also to separate from the real world to get recharged.

If my face is in my phone, my mind is not on Jesus, my heart is not in prayer, and my service is not on the pilgrims. This all leads to missed opportunities of encountering God.



A number of months ago, I was in my Bible Study, and someone brought up the fact, how "connected" we feel we need to be. The question was asked, how many times do you look at our phone during worship? This question got me thinking good. Why? Because I was a person who, a number of times would look at my phone during the service, I would answer texts, and yes even surf Facebook during a song that well, maybe wasn't my favorite. Then, we were asked, is God not worthy of two hours of uninterrupted time? WOW! Hello? Now I am going to ask you a similar question...Is God not worthy of 72 hours? Pray about it.

P.S. As a mom and wife, and at one time, a caregiver to an ailing parent, we feel we need to be in constant contact with our family and life back home, but let's remember that wherever we are on a weekend, the camp has a landline for our families to call us in an emergency.

Vickie De Blasio

# Cristoistas VdC #48

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## VdC #49 Coming Up!



De Colores

I have been called by GOD to be the next Rector for VdC #49. It will be at Mountain Pointe Camp in Frazier Park on October 1st-4th 2015. I'm looking forward to see what GOD has planned for VdC #49. The verse GOD has put on my heart is Psalms 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth". I am asking for you to keep the core team in your prayers as we are planning and putting it all together. I am also asking if GOD has put in your heart to work the weekend, please fill out a team application. If you're not sure please pray about it. If there is someone you may know that you would like to sponsor for the weekend please pray to GOD first, then ask them if they would like to attend this awesome weekend. Fill out the application and please send it in. I will be letting everyone know the team dates and locations as soon as they are set.

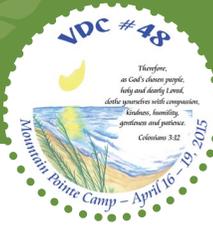
Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to CHRIST!

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# VdC #48 Rectora's Report



De Colores

VdC #48 was an unforgettable and amazing weekend located at Mountain Pointe Camp in Frazier Park, on April 16-19, 2015. 16 wonderful Pilgrims attended and were ministered to by an awesome team!! All of God's team assembled for the weekend were dedicated to a fault, they were truly the Lord's hands and feet in every way!! The Cook Team -led by Head Cook Bill Long, made such scrumptious meals and kept our camp so nice and tidy. I personally feel that the Rollo Room food was exceptional- thank you, Tracy Nelson and Robert Boardman-The AR's as well as the entire Core team took very good care of me before, during and after the weekend and I cannot sing their praises loud enough. Rick Hall and HM McKinsey kept me on my toes and in a forward manner. From the many prayer requests that were presented to me at the closing of the weekend it seems that the entire team spent many an hour in prayer and meditation. We were blessed by 32 angels during the weekend and I want to send a shout out to them all - Thank you!!!! To have been called to be the Rectora for this weekend was so humbling and exciting but to be allowed to watch the new Cristoistas grow and bloom each day was even more of a gift from God. They all continue to be in my prayers. How fun to have them in our VdC family!!

God's Peace, my friends!!

Becky Boardman

VdC #11

## 4th Annual Picnic

**When:** The first Saturday in June (6th)  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Frazier Mountain Park  
3801 Park Drive  
Frazier Park, CA 93225

Let's get together for some fellowship and fun! All family and friends are welcome.



**What to bring:**

Picnic blanket or chairs for relaxing  
Your favorite potluck dish or salad to share  
Beverages of your choice (please, no alcohol)  
Disposable plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided.  
See you there!

# Spiritual Directions

## From One Nut to Another

I have found very few people who were not blessed by attending a VdC weekend. On these retreats, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit meet each person where they are on their faith walk and helps them grow. Once you have attended a Via de Cristo you officially become a "Cristoista" – in the Cursillo community you would be called a "Cursillista" – but to the rest of the world you are simply called a religious nut... someone who puts Jesus first in their life. I recently read an article that talked about a different sort of nut for Jesus. Actually, it is called "the Jesus nut."

As Wikipedia reads: "The "Jesus nut" or "Jesus pin" is the main rotor retaining nut that holds the main rotor to the mast of some helicopters, such as the UH-1 Iroquois helicopter. More generally, the term can refer to any component which represents a single point of failure with catastrophic consequences. The term Jesus nut may have been coined by American soldiers in Vietnam; the Vietnam War was the first war to feature large numbers of soldiers riding in helicopters. If the Jesus pin were to fail in flight, the helicopter would detach from the rotors and the only thing left for the crew to do would be to 'pray to Jesus.'"

If that nut does its job, the pilot's mental attitude is that everyone on board will survive the mission. If that nut doesn't do its job, it's almost certain that everyone will die. In other words, his chief worry wasn't the enemy shooting down his helicopter -- it was that one nut on top of the helicopter. Even the most unreligious of soldiers knew that nut by name. "The Jesus nut." The nut that saves, so long as it stays where it's supposed to stay.

I wonder if that isn't something like what Jesus was talking about in John 15, when he said, "I am the vine, you are the branches" – and he went on to say, "Abide in me as I abide in you". If somehow we will let Jesus have that most important place in our lives – if we will continue to place our complete trust in him, no matter the circumstances in life, he will not let us down. He will stay where he's supposed to stay. He will give us true life.

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# Spiritual Directions

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The blessings we receive from attending and working VdC's are many. But we can't allow these weekends to become a pleasant and distant memory. Jesus calls each of us to abide in Him, rest in Him, and keep Him at the center of our lives. "Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." This is not a promise of a trouble-free life, but it is an invitation to a fuller life filled with purpose and hope and joy and inner peace, knowing that, regardless of what life may throw at you, you are loved and cared for by Jesus, the Lord of all creation. He promises to be the "nut" who will stay in place, who will hold you together, who will be with you always and will never leave you. And that is something you can trust.

Blessings, Pastor Gary



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