

## PALANCA REPORT - 2020

Constant PRAYER is now needed for our friends, families and communities due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the state of our Nation and the World. Using **PRAYER** as an acronym = **P**ositive **R**eassuring **A**ction **Y**ielding **E**ternal **R**esults.

Palanca in Via de Cristo should be the prayers and sacrifices we raise up and offer to God voluntarily as a spiritual force to overcome resistances in the lives of others and us. First and foremost, Palanca is prayer, a dialog with God. We do provide love letters, cards and items as visible expressions of the prayer and sacrifices. However, these items must be provided only after being bathed in prayer to be some of the levers (Palanca) that the Lord uses to encourage and equip His servants to accomplish His works. Palanca is a part of the mystery of Faith. We provide prayers and sacrifices just because we know that we know our God will provide. Our prayers should be continually, without ceasing, - He will answer all in His time not ours. Sometimes he may not answer a prayer – that in itself can be an answer and possibly the greatest blessing.

In 2019, over 53 VdC weekends were conducted. With the appearance of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the scheduling of 2020 Weekends in our Communities came to a standstill. When weekends resume, updates may be provided in many forms but there is an update button “To Request the Addition of a Weekend” on the web page ([www.viadecristo.org/palanca/index.php](http://www.viadecristo.org/palanca/index.php)) for anyone to use if they wish. The internet has become more and more important in maintaining records and especially in keeping the web site up to date. This year all updates have been communicated via email and the web. I will accept updates in any format, however, to expedite updates your Palanca Coordinator should have email access in the future if they don't already.

As the Palanca Coordinator, active and timely participation of the local Palanca Coordinators is critical in disseminating information. The local coordinators have been excellent in providing the critical link to the local Secretariats. Even with this outstanding help it is a difficult task to keep all of the information up to date. For this reason, if needed, the Weekend and Palanca Coordinator information can be sent via US Postal Service to me at the address below Updates to email addresses are especially important since that is the primary communication tool.

The key in this role is communication and to that end timeliness is critical. Please make sure your dates or changes are sent as soon as possible but no later than 60 days prior to the event (to allow other communities time to respond). I attempt to update the Palanca area of the web site within 7 days of receipt and acknowledge back to the requestor. Early scheduling of dates also allows local Secretariats plenty of time to provide Palanca.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, but I would especially like to thank the Palanca Coordinators of the Secretariats. They have made my job so much easier and have always been willing to help. They have even been more than gracious when I have made errors. I thank and praise God for the opportunity to serve our community in this small way.

Blessings,  
In His Service,  
Paul Sabatier-Smith <)))><

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## Palanca Updates

(Copy as Needed for Additional Weekends)

Secretariat Palanca Coordinator:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (Secretariat) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend Updates:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Type (See Footer) \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Secretariat \_\_\_\_\_

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M = men, W = women, C = coed, MX = mixed(coed), SM = single men, SW = single women,

MOM = Moms, DD = people with developmental disabilities, WT = Women in Transition