

PALANCA AS SACRIFICE — PAPER CHAIN

Prior to every Via de Cristo weekend, the VDCWW team and community spends many hours in fasting, prayer, study and preparation. This sacrificial Palanca is a powerful way to lift team members and pilgrims to God.

In order to emphasize this support to the pilgrims, the VDCWW team is planning to make a paper chain garland of sacrifice.



Each Via de Cristo team member is asked to:

1. Keep track of each 30-60 minutes spent in one of the activities listed below as you prepare for the weekend. You can use the Palanca as Sacrifice Chart on the toolbox.
2. Each color represents a different type of sacrifice. Pick up pre-cut paper links in the appropriate colors for each 30 - 60 minutes activity. Links are provided at team meetings or you can also make your own.
3. Staple the colored paper strips into one long paper chain before the weekend.
4. Deliver your completed paper chain to the Palanca Team room when you arrive at the weekend. Your paper chain will be assembled with others into one long garland which will be explained/presented to the pilgrims during the weekend.

The type of sacrifice will be color-coded as follows:

RED: Communion/Intercessory Prayer for the weekend

YELLOW: Sacrificial works (time spent on projects) 30-60 min per link

GREEN: Study of scripture and other Christian works 30-60 min per link

BLUE: Meditation (being in God's presence) and prayer for VDC team and pilgrims

PURPLE: Fasting 30-60 min per link

ORANGE: Miles Traveled in prep for the weekend (25 miles per link)