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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Dave Lann, Lay Director, VdC of Ohio

Greetings Via de Cristo community. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. This time of year can be a struggle for many because of the past, financial struggles, loss of loved ones or just tired of all the secular spirit of the season. As long as we keep our focus on the reason for the season, the birth of our Savior, no matter what we go through our Lord is there with us to see us through our trials and be at our side in our daily walk with Him. God bless everyone.

With this new year, the **first event will be the Clergy event on Sunday evening February 24** till just after supper **Monday the 25**. On Sunday evening we will have a social, introduce them to what Via de Cristo is, the history of VdC, and have evening meditations followed by silence. The next morning, we'll have worship followed by introductions with assigned table seating. We will go over each of the talks with information that is in the VdC Team Formation Manual. They will actually hear the Laity, Apostolic Action, and Life in Grace talks. They will have the discussion time and poster time that we do on the Weekends. Before the evening meal we will go over the materials that are used for Leaders School so they hear the logistics, dynamics, and community building aspects of VdC. They will also hear each of our daily phrases in a receiving line before each meal.

As this 24-hour period is to learn what the whole Weekend is in a nut shell, the clergy will experience what actually happens on a Weekend, plus have time for questions and answers. As I stated in the November Newsletter, we will be asking you to choose prayer times to cover this event just like a normal Weekend. Look for it next month.

**To make this happen we need your help.** Along with this article you will see an invitation form. Copy it and give to your pastors and invite them if they do not know what VdC is or know only a little of it. Even if your pastor has gone before, we all have family members and friends who attend other churches; please invite their clergy. This event is open to all clergy.

For our clergy who have been to a VdC Weekend, please invite your colleagues; e-mail them the invitation. If we all do something this will be a huge success for the glory of our God.

The last thing we want to leave you with is the **Coed Weekend, May 30th through June 2**. After recent events, the Secretariat made a decision that if we do not have a required number of pilgrims in the registrar's hand two months before the scheduled Weekend dates, we will not go forward with that Weekend. Anyone who is registered for it will be at top of list for next scheduled Weekend. With the cost of the weekends we need to be good stewards of our money, time (team will be formed but not have any meetings till we have pilgrims) and talent (your palanca so we have time to pray for individuals and create personal palanca). Most of the facilities will give a full refund in this time period. We are still discussing the number of pilgrims needed to make it effective for what Via de Cristo is about. If you have prayed about inviting someone to a weekend, get the application in sooner than later.

Blessings on your 2019

## A Message from Palanca Coordinator Sherryl Patterson

Via de Cristo is not just in Ohio – it reaches FAR with the love of Christ. Here are some Weekends for which we invite your prayers.

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
1/18/2019	1/19/2019	School of Leaders Retreat (Spanish)	Dallas, TX
1/17/2019	1/20/2019	Women's 63 (English)	Youngstown, OH
1/18/2019	1/21/2019	Women's 43 (English)	Agana, Guam

VdC Prayer Chain is [prayingforvdc@gmail.com](mailto:prayingforvdc@gmail.com) or by phone at 419-884-1573. Vicky Sakala is Prayer Chain Cha.

If you know someone from the Via de Cristo Community who has changed their street address or email address or telephone number, or does not get the VdCNewsletter but would like to, please send the new information to Newsletter Editor Nancy Martin at 419-571-6315 or [vdsnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdsnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.



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We hope you will “like” our new Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/viadecristooh>

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Contact Lay Director Dave Lann with your interest in serving on Secretariat.

Contact 4<sup>th</sup> Day Shepherd Dave Lann to reach people in your area of Ohio to encourage them for Reunion Groups and Ultreyas.

Secretariat meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month. You are welcome to attend. Contact the Lay Director for the place of each meeting. They will be in person at 10am in March, May, July, September and November.

**SEE ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENT for INVITATION to CLERGY EVENT on FEBRUARY 24 and 25**