



Via de Cristo of Ohio Newsletter  
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## VdC Events for 2019

Offered for your prayer and planning

Future Date **TBA**  
Please continue to  
reach out to pastors

**Clergy Workshop**  
(a Sunday evening to  
Monday evening)

Camp Mowana, Mansfield  
2276 Fleming Falls Road  
Mansfield 44903

**May 30-June 2**  
7 pm Thursday to  
6 pm Sunday

**Co-ed Weekend #4**

Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center  
2734 Seminary Road  
Newark 43056

**July 25-28**  
Thursday-Sunday

**National Lutheran  
Secretariat  
Annual Gathering**

University of Indianapolis  
1400 East Hanna Avenue  
Indianapolis 46217

**June 30**  
Saturday  
Time TBD

**Via de Cristo Ohio  
Annual Meeting/Grand  
Ultreya/Picnic**

Mt. Gilead State Park  
4119 State Route 95  
Mt. Gilead 43338

**October 3-6**  
Thursday 7 pm to  
Sunday 6 pm

**Women's Weekend #80**

Akron Rotary Club  
4460 Rex Lake Drive  
Akron 44319

**November 7-10**  
7 pm Thursday to  
6 pm Sunday

**Men's Weekend #76**

Akron Rotary Club

Hello 4th day community,

March 30th is approaching us very quickly. Why is that important? With the new guidelines set for the Weekends, that is the date we need to have at least 8 applications for Pilgrims in Registrar Kevin Hoch's hands. This does not mean in your hands or the mail. This is the latest we can go to get a full refund from the site of the Weekend, and before any team meetings are started. We'll continue taking applications after that date.

I have been hearing things like who are the Rector and Team Members. Does that really make a difference when we are to be praying for the Holy Spirit to put on our hearts whom to invite to a Weekend long in advance of anything? Once you have prayed about it, talk to that person's clergy to make sure there is no reason they can't absorb and get the full benefit of the Weekend. Then invite the Pilgrim and get the paper work in sooner than later so the Weekend may proceed. (Registration forms may be accessed on our website [www.vdcoho.org](http://www.vdcoho.org) or you may print them from the attachment and send them to Kevin at 2691 Altura Dr., Cincinnati 45239.)

As far as the Rector for Coed # 4, it is Christy Brill. She is presently forming the Team. One thing I like about team info not out yet is that lately it has been the Team getting the majority of Pilgrims. Christ is counting on us as a Community to provide the Pilgrims. The team has enough to do to bond together than to worry about getting Pilgrims. Make sure you inform your Pilgrim that this is a highly structured Weekend, so they understand we need 8 pilgrims to accomplish this and make it beneficial for them. If we do not have 8 by March 30 in order to proceed with this Weekend, their names are at the top of the list for next available Weekends. Please know that **we will continue to take applications for Pilgrims after March 30** until the deadline of Thursday May 23, allowing a week to do necessary communication with the Pilgrims!

Remember that we are looking for leaders in our environments (work, recreation, social, family, etc.) not just our churches.

God Bless,  
Dave Lann, VdC Ohio Lay Director

#### A Message for VdC Prayer Chain Coordinator Vicky Sakala

Among the many good works ordained by our God (see Eph. 2:10) is prayer for other people, whether we know them personally or not. Perhaps you've noticed receiving more emails from VdC Prayer Chain Coordinator Vicky Sakala. That is because VdC Secretariat asked Vicky to do more to help us all fulfill the good work of prayer in Jesus' name. When you know of a specific reason for prayer, please contact Vicky so she can share it with all of us. You may give the person's name if you have his/her permission or you can make it anonymous, (e.g. "A Sister in Christ", "One of God's Children").

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

## A Letter from Christy Brill, Rector for VdC Ohio Co-ed Weekend #4

I'm honored and humbled to be the rector of Co-Ed Weekend #4 being held at Saints Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark this Spring, May 30 -- June 2. It has been nearly 15 years since I served as rector of Women's #53 at the Cum Cristo Center in downtown Columbus and over 20 years since I attended Women's #36 where I was first introduced to this thing we call Via de Cristo of Ohio. During this time, I have been fortunate enough to have served on 14 different teams as well as share the Fourth Day talk 4 times. Currently I serve on the Secretariat as the Assistant Lay Director and Media Technology Chair. I don't mention this information to brag, but to let you know how much this movement means to me.

Via de Cristo was recommended to me in a time in my life when I was coming back to the Church and trying to make my faith my own (not just that which I grew up hearing). Although I was probably more of the one who thought she needed it the least on that Weekend in 2005, I became more aware of the need and desire to serve our Lord as I began to work on teams. As you know, not everyone has a mountain top experience on their weekends; some of us need time for the information shared during that 72-hours to seep in and permeate our souls. That was me.

Today, I learned of the passing of my dear friend and early spiritual advisor Rev. Jim Stalder. He and his wife Wanda (who died in April 2012) were instrumental in my faith-walk after my weekend (as were my sponsors, Doug & Kathie Burrows). Both were avid supporters of Via de Cristo and made sure that I stayed in Reunion Group and that our congregation at the time knew of the importance of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day. They not only talked the talk but walked the walk. They are but a couple of the wonderful, Christ-loving people that I have grown to know and love thanks to my involvement in Via de Cristo, and they along with so many others will be and are deeply missed as they leave beautiful marks on the lives of so many Cursillistas.

So why do I share the above stories? Because I have a feeling you have a similar one that needs to be shared with someone around you. Look back on your weekend. What was the ONE thing that stands out to you from that time? Do you have a special memory that makes you smile (or cry tears of joy) when you think of that specific Rollo that hit you to the core and somehow you just knew that God was talking to you? How about that song that when sung at your church or a funeral takes you right back to those total strangers that interrupted your dinner on Saturday night? Do you ever wonder about those brothers/sisters that sat at your table with whom you shared stories and drew pictures? Whom do you know who can benefit from the grace-filled time of a Via de Cristo weekend? I'm sure there is at least one.

Currently I'm in the process of calling and filling the team for Co-Ed #4. As I type this letter, there are eight people committed to serve, but I need a minimum of twenty to have a successful weekend. If you are interested in working the team, please reach out to me or Head Cha Dick Brenneman. And if you haven't attended Leader's School yet or haven't

been on a team in a while, that's ok because we are incorporating that training into the first team meeting! Worried that you will waste a bunch of Saturdays in April and May just to have the Weekend cancelled? Fear not, our first team meeting is not scheduled until after the March 30 early registration deadline when we need to have 8 registrations, or the Weekend will be postponed (we currently have 1).

Team meeting dates are: April 6, April 27, May 11 and May 18.

So what's your excuse? Volunteer to serve, ask a friend to attend, or sign up to pray for weekend. And the sooner, the better.

**Remember, Christ Is Counting on You!**

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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 419-886-4420 or [vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.



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Contact Lay Director Dave Lann with your interest in serving on Secretariat or 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 at different locations. You are welcome to attend. Contact Lay Direct Dave Lann for the place and time of each meeting

