



*Via de Cristo of Ohio Newsletter*  
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# De Colores!

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**Men's and Women's Weekends this August are at Leonard's Retreat Center, 4076 Case Road, Avon, 44011**

## *Letter from Rector Fred Gesell, Men's #75*

We've just had a team meeting and I cannot figure out why there is not a waiting list to attend a weekend. As we listen to the Rollos and hear how lives have changed, both Pilgrims and those they have influenced as a result of experiencing God's grace because of their Via de Cristo participation, it just seems to me that I would want everyone I know to attend. In fact I have lost count of the number of people I have sponsored and I know that both of our lives are different. Due to Lucy's illness I have been unable to be an active part of the movement for a time. It's interesting that the Lord moved me to re-engage and how that has ministered to me during this difficult time. You really do need to send your friends to a Weekend to receive the full benefit and to continue to experience God's grace in a personal way.

As I write this we are just over 3 weeks away from the start of Men's #75 and there is still time to send one or even two of your friends to the Weekend. In my mind, this is the greatest gift I have given anyone. We have assembled a terrific team and I promise you and the Pilgrims you send will be richly blessed. Not only that but, you will also bring new blood to your Reunion Group. Most of our groups need refreshing from time to time. Now is the time act. The Weekend is Thursday – Sunday, August 3-6.

I was asked recently if a Pastor should be asked to attend. The answer is that until recently the only way a Pastor could experience a weekend was as a Pilgrim. They are certainly welcome on this weekend. All are welcome, even non Lutheran Pastors as well as lay people from other denominations. (However, Clergy Experience #3 will be Monday-Thursday, October 1-4, 2018.)

We look forward to your family members and friends as Pilgrims. You may use the Pilgrim and Sponsor Applications attached with this Newsletter or you may download them from the website [www.vdcoho.org](http://www.vdcoho.org).

I would remind you that Christ is counting on YOU

God Loves You and so DO I

In Christian love

Fred Gesell, Men's #14, Rector, Men's #77

### **Please cover these Pilgrims for Men's Weekend #77 with your Prayers**

Pilgrim	Church and City	Sponsor
John Pawsey	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	Kevin Larkins
Denny Brinkley	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Vickery	Gerry Gosnell
Chuck Minier	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Vickery	Gerry Gosnell
Tom Thorbahn	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	Gerry Gosnell
Greg Stidham	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Vickery	Gerry Gosnell
Samuel Dagg	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	John Glass
Raymond Olson	Tallmadge Lutheran Church, Tallmadge	Rick Hill

## Men's Weekend #75 Team

Role	Name	Church and City	Important Details
Rector	Fred Gesell	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	Men's Weekend#75 is August 3-6. St. Leonard's Retreat Center is at 4076 Case Road, Avon, 44011
Head Cha	Doug Burrows	Living Word Lutheran, Galena	
Spiritual Director	Pr. Paul Schmidlin	King of Glory Lutheran, Sylvania	Send-off is there Thursday at 7:00
Spiritual Director	Pr. Gerry Gosnell	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	
Chapel Cha	John Glass	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	Closing on Sunday is at 5:00 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2845 Center Ridge Road, Westlake
Music Cha	Stuart Smith	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Poland	
Palanca Cha	Walt Frasher	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	Wake-up at St. Leonard will be at 6:00 am Sunday morning. Gather QUIETLY on the lower level, entering from the back.
Ideal Rollo	John Dagg	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	
Laity Rollo	Ron Craig	Trinity Lutheran, Kent	(Information about Serenade and Serenade Practice is TBD and will come to you with Newsletter updates for open prayer times of the 72-hour Prayer Palanca)
Piety Rollo	Dan Paterson	Resurrection Lutheran, Catawba	
Study Rollo	Dan Brill	St. Andrew's Anglican, Lewis Center	<b>Emergency Phone Number is 330-296-6929</b>
Apostolic Action Rollo	Bob Gsellman	Resurrection Lutheran, Stow	
Leaders Rollo	Tony Starn	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala	
Environment Rollo	Tony Paradiso	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	
Christian Community Rollo	Norbert Peiker	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	
Reunion/Ultreya Rollo	Fred Gesell	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	
Rollo Room Cha	Kevin Larkins	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	
Rollo Room Cha	Sandy Mueller	Northside Fellowship, Westerville	
Rollo Room Cha	Clyde Bame	St. John's Lutheran, Stoney Ridge	
Rollo Room Cha			
Head Kitchen Cha	Skip Dodds	Grace Episcopal, Willoughby	
Kitchen Cha	Les Bigelow	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	
Kitchen Cha	Dave Lann	Trinity Lutheran, Kent	
Go-fer Cha			
4 <sup>th</sup> Day Couple	Kevin and Irene Hoch	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy	

## Women's Weekend #79 Team

Role	Name	Church and City	Name
Rector	Leslie Crowe	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights	Kitchen Chas
Head Cha	Alice Chadbourne	St. Paul Lutheran, Berea	
Lead Spiritual Director	Pr. Rhonda Gallagher	Trinity Lutheran, Girard	Jill Clark, Head
Spiritual Director	Pr. Darla Ann Kratzer	Canton City Lutheran, Canton	
Spiritual Director	Pr. Wil Verhoff	St. Andrews Anglican, Lewis Center	Diane Conroy
Chapel Cha	Lana Gray	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights	Linda Grand
Music Cha	Carol Pretorius	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	Mary Di Carlo
Palanca Cha	Beth Minton	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Poland	(all from Divinity
Palanca Cha/Escort Cha	Chris Dieter	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow	Lutheran, Parma
Ideal Rollo	Fran Dieter	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow	Heights) and
Laity Rollo	Kathy Deily	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights	Robin Adams
Piety Rollo	Janet Schoch	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights	from Mt. Hope
Study Rollo	Jane Koch	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow	Lutheran, Shiloh
Apostolic Action Rollo	Cathy Doering	St. Paul Lutheran, Sharon Center	
Leaders Rollo	Marilyn Sesock	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights	
Environment Rollo	Nancy Schuman	Good Shepherd Episcopal, Lyndhurst	
Christian Community Rollo	Judy Junker	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights	
Rollo Room Cha	Jeri Shobel	Trinity Lutheran, Girard	
Rollo Room Cha	Andrea Anderson	Trinity Lutheran, Girard	
Rollo Room Cha	Susan Weber	Jackson Friends Church, Massilon	
Rollo Room Cha	Melissa Stitt	Trinity Lutheran, Girard	
Go-fer Cha	Valda Washburn	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	
4 <sup>th</sup> Day Couple	Bob and Sharon Gsellman	Resurrection Lutheran, Stow	

### Letter from Rectora Leslie Crowe, Women's # 79

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Greetings from the Women's weekend #79 Team. God continues to bless us with additions to the team. Where we once had one Spiritual Director, we now have three. Pastors Darla Ann Kratzer and Wil Verhoff have joined us. I thank God for the leadership of Pastor Rhonda Gallagher as we move forward. We have added several more lay members to round out the team. I thank God for them too. You will see the roster below.

It has been a blessing to see friends from previous teams but equally wonderful to meet new friends who have answered the call to serve on this Weekend. We are gathered from various backgrounds, ages, religious denominations and experience levels but are united in our love for God and a willingness to serve others. Being a part of a VdC team does involve some hard work and sacrifice but our participation is what we are called to offer. Once again I thank God for all involved. We have had two team meetings and heard two Rollos. It promises to be a Spirit-filled Weekend. I visited St. Leonard Retreat Center and it felt like home to me. We will be comfortable there. Room for 30 Pilgrims but we will be happy with whatever number God sends to us.

Now we ask for the wider VdC Community to become involved. Here are ways you can do so:

- Look at your environments and discern who among your friends might benefit from a weekend with God and then pray. Then ask your friend to become a Pilgrim. Necessary forms are located on the Ohio Via de Cristo website [www.vdcoho.org](http://www.vdcoho.org). They're also attached at the end of this Newsletter.
- Volunteer to participate in the 72 hour Prayers Palanca. Contact a Team member to choose a time. Beth Minton, Palanca Cha, will have open times posted by emails later this Summer. Or you may contact Nancy Martin at 419-886-4420.
- Come to the Saturday night Serenade at 5:15 pm and the Wakeup on Sunday at 6:30 am. Remember what that meant to you.
- Send Palanca for the Pilgrims. Let them see how God's love permeates this Community! Give your Palanca items to a Team member or mail them in time to Divinity Lutheran Church, 11877 Blossom Avenue, Parma Heights, OH 44130.
- Come to the Closing at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, at 5pm on Sunday August 20, 2017.
- We need you to be involved. As with life in general there are challenges for which we ask special prayers. Pastor Rhonda Gallagher and Alice Chadbourne will be facing surgery in July.

Please keep us all in your prayers. God loves you and so do I.

Peace, Leslie Crowe, Rectora, Women's Weekend #79

Thursday and Friday, August 17-18, 2017	Saturday, August 19	Sunday, August 20
Thursday--Pilgrims arrive at St. Leonard's Retreat Center in Avon for Send-Off at 7:00 pm Thursday	Study 9:00 AM A Day in the Life 10:20 AM	Wake-Up Serenade 5:30 AM Gather in Kitchen lower level QUIETLY!
Friday Ideal 10:15 AM Habitual Grace 11:25 AM Laity 1:50 PM Actual Grace 3:00 PM Piety 4:45 PM	Apostolic Action 1:40 PM Obstacles to Grace 2:55PM Leaders 4:25 PM Serenade Practice 5:15 PM (Pavilion behind St. Leonard's, please use path from parking circle) Serenade at St. Leonard's 6:15PM (lower level in back)	Environment 9:20 AM Christian Community in Action 10:20 AM Life in Grace 12:00 AM Group Reunion and Ultreya 1:50 PM Closing at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 5:00 PM  <b>Emergency Phone 216-905-5103</b>

## Utreya News

### July Utreya in the Bellville Area

The next Bellville Utreya will be Sunday, July 30 at 3:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church Street, Bellville 44813. There will be Worship, Holy Communion, and Potluck with table service and drinks provided.  
Call Ken & Josie Riling, 419-886-2437, or Paul & Vicky Sakala, 419-884-1573 for questions.  
Bellville Ultrayas will be the second Sundays of January, April, July and October

### Cincinnati Area

The next Cincinnati area Utreya will be Saturday, August 12 at 4:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Healthy. Address is 1553 Kinney Avenue, Cincinnati 45231. For questions, please call Kevin Hoch, 513-931-8797. Otherwise, Cincinnati area Ultrayas are usually the first Saturday of each month.

### Parma/Cleveland Area

Ultrayas are often held at Divinity Lutheran Church, 11877 Blossom Avenue, Parma Heights, 44130. We have a small group Bible Study led by Pastor Doug Gunkelman and Holy Communion will Potluck to follow. Bring a dish to share. Meat will be provided. All are invited. See future Newsletters for information.

Call Leslie Crowe at [leslie.crowe@aol.com](mailto:leslie.crowe@aol.com), 440-263-4552 or Judy Junker at [JudyJJunkmail@aol.com](mailto:JudyJJunkmail@aol.com), 440-537-0867 with any questions. God loves you and so do we.

**North Dayton Ultrayas** are usually the third Saturdays of every month at 7pm at the United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd, Clayton, OH 45315. (Bring snack to share.) For questions, please call Wes Scoates at 937 533-7605.

### COLUMBUS ULTREYA

Once each quarter, From 5:30pm-8:30pm, at All Shepherds Lutheran Church, 6580 Columbus Pike [RT 23], Lewis Center, Ohio. 43035. The next ones are Saturday September 23, 2017 and Saturday December 9, 2017  
For more information contact Warren [614.332.1357](tel:614.332.1357) or Wendy [614.332.1352](tel:614.332.1352) Seeley.

### KENT Area Ultrayas

Ultrayas in the **Akron-Kent area** of Ohio are often the third Saturday of a month at Trinity Lutheran Church, 600 S. Water Street at 4:30 pm. There will be Worship with Holy Communion, a topic for discussion, and potluck will follow with table service and drinks provided. For more information, please call Dave Lann, 330-296-6929, or Pr. Doug Fidler, 330-673-5445.

For assistance to find or form a Reunion Group for your Pilgrim—or yourself—contact Fourth Day shepherd Dave Lann, [vdclann@yahoo.com](mailto:vdclann@yahoo.com) or 330-296-6929. He can look in the VdC Archive for names of people in your area and give you their most recent contact information. But some of the info in the Archive is out of date. If you know people who haven't received a Newsletter or heard from a VdC friend in a while, please send their new contact information to **Secretariat Webmaster and Data Collector Christine Brill** ([goosebrill@msn.com](mailto:goosebrill@msn.com) or [614-579-8586](tel:614-579-8586)), or Newsletter Editor Nancy Martin ([vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or [419-886-4420](tel:419-886-4420)).

**Editor's note:** The goal of Via de Cristo is to strengthen people of faith and to equip people of faith to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in their environments. That takes on many forms! Most Cursillistas (that means people who've been on a VdC Weekend as Pilgrims) become more active in their churches; many start new groups such as for Bible study or teaching children or serving their community; some boldly witness to strangers on the street or in a store; some become Christian mentors to family members or co-workers. They stay connected to VdC through Reunion Groups and/or Ultrayas. Some become very active as Team members or Secretariat members. Some stay connected with the website, on Facebook or reading the Newsletter. Most value their connection by prayer. I don't know all the possible ways that Christ is counting on you and you on Him. But I would love to hear your version, your story, and share it with the Community. Tell me! Email to [vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or send by USMail to 4025 Andrews Rd., Bellville, 44813.

Joy! Nancy Martin

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**VdC National Gathering** July 27-30, 2017 at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem NC

**Men's Weekend #75** August 3-6, 2017 at St. Leonard's Retreat Center in Avon  
 Rector Fred Gesell, [wgesell@aol.com](mailto:wgesell@aol.com) or 419-271-6031, has formed the Team and Pilgrims are welcome!  
 Head Cha Doug Burrows, Spiritual Directors Pr. Paul Schmidlin and Pr. Gerry Gosnell

**Women's Weekend #79** August 17-20, 2017 St. Leonard's Retreat Center in Avon  
 Rector Leslie Crowe, [leslie.crowe@aol.com](mailto:leslie.crowe@aol.com) or 440-842-7409, has formed the Team and Pilgrims are welcome!  
 Head Cha Alice Chadbourne, Spiritual Directors Prs. Rhonda Gallagher, DarlaAnn Kratzer and Wil Verhoff

**Weekend Orientation** (aka Leaders' School) Saturday, October 7, 2017, 9:00 am to Noon  
 St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church Street, Bellville, 44813

**Co-Ed Weekend #3** May 3-6, 2018 at St. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark  
 Rector Bob Gsellman and Head Cha Sharon Gsellman

**Clergy Experience #3** Monday October 1-Thursday October 4, 2018  
 St. Peter and St. Paul Retreat Center, Newark  
 Rector Dick Brenneman and Lead Spiritual Director Pr. Doug Pretorius  
 Invite some Pastors to introduce them to Via de Cristo methodology and to love on them and show them Grace.

**Further information for ALL of these will be in upcoming Newsletters**

If you would like to be part of a Team, contact the Rector or Lay Director Butch Seeley

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Contact Lay Director Warren "Butch" Seeley with your interest in serving on Secretariat. Contact 4<sup>th</sup> Day Shepherd Dave Lann with your interest in reaching out to 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 Lay Direct Butch Seeley for the place of each meeting. For 2017, they will be in person at 10am in March, May, July, September and November. They will be by conference call at 10am in February, April, June, August and October.

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



**Via de Cristo of Ohio is now on Facebook!**

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

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*ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

48 CHURCH ST., BELLVILLE, OH

**SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**3:00 P.M.**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 3:00

AND CLOSING WITH HOLY COMMUNION

JOIN US IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

FOR OUR POT LUCK MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP.

BEVERAGES AND PAPER PRODUCTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

***PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE***

Any questions please call:

Ken & Josie Riling at 419 886-2437 or Paul & Vicky Sakala at 419 884-1573

# Via de Cristo of Ohio Pilgrim's Registration Form

Please; 1) print all information; 2) answer all questions fully; and 3) include information for only one person

## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Name:		First name for your name tag:
House Number & Street Name		City & State
		Zip Code
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	e-mail address:
Date of Birth:	Gender (Male or Female):	
Marital Status:	Spouse Name (if applicable):	Has your spouse attended a Via de Cristo or similar weekend? (if applicable)
Occupation:	Have you been Baptized?	

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Church Name:	Church City & State:

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please list any food allergies or dietary requirements (for example: allergic to peanuts, vegetarian, etc):
Please list any special medications or medical requirements ( for example: insulin, use C-PAP machine):

## WEEKEND INFORMATION

What are the dates and site of the weekend you will be attending?

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Please list any special interests or activities (for example: church service, community service, etc.).

Cursillo is a tested and valid renewal movement which had its beginnings in the Roman Catholic Church and is now active in many Protestant denominations. The Lutheran expression of this movement is called Via de Cristo (Way of Christ). It is designed for baptized Christians, the age of 18 or older, who wish to strengthen and nurture their commitment to Christ. Via de Cristo does not provide solutions to serious personal problems nor does it diminish the importance or necessity of corporate worship through the church. There is no prescribed manner to respond to the Via de Cristo experience.

Via de Cristo weekends begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday and end about 7:00 PM on Sunday. **The weekend experience consists of a sequence of inter-dependent events requiring that you be present for the entire weekend.** Couples are encouraged to complete registration forms at the same time and are also encouraged, but not required, to attend the same set of weekends. There is no charge to attend a weekend, but you will be given the opportunity to contribute. Via de Cristo receives no direct financial support from the Lutheran Church.

You will be informed when your registration has been received and processed. Approximately two to three weeks prior to the weekend, you will be given information to prepare for your weekend.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION FORM FOR COMPLETENESS AND ACCURACY, SIGN BELOW, AND GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR SPONSOR.**

Pilgrim’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR & CLERGY SIGNATURES**

Please prayerfully consider signing this registration form. By signing, you indorse this person as mentally, physically and spiritually fit to attend the Via de Cristo of Ohio Weekend.

Sponsor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy Comments:



# Via de Cristo of Ohio

## Sponsor's Registration Form

BEFORE SPONSORING ANYONE, PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REVIEW THE "SPONSOR GUIDELINES" PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM

Please: 1) print all information; 2) answer all questions fully; and 3) include information for only one pilgrim

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name:		
House Number & Street Name	City & State	Zip Code
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
e-mail address:		

### SPONSOR CHURCH INFORMATION

Church Name:	Church City & State
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### PILGRIM INFORMATION

Pilgrim's Name:
Why is this person a good candidate for a Via de Cristo weekend?
Did you discuss Via de Cristo with the Pilgrim's spouse (if applicable)? (Circle one: Y N) Will both attend a weekend? (Circle one: Y N) If not, briefly explain the circumstances.
Briefly state the Pilgrim's attitude toward Via de Cristo.
How, SPECIFICALLY, will YOU support the pilgrim in the 4 <sup>th</sup> day?
Any other pertinent information about the pilgrim?

I have prayerfully considered sponsoring this pilgrim and believe this pilgrim to be mentally, physically, and spiritually stable and capable of fully experiencing the weekend. I understand my responsibilities noted in the "Sponsor Guidelines" printed on the back of this form and, with the Lord's help, I will do my best to honor them.

Sponsor Signature:	Sponsor Weekend
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Mail this form and the associated Pilgrim's Registration Form along with a non-refundable \$15 application fee (payable to Via de Cristo of Ohio) to the address shown on the back of this form.

<b>Pilgrim Checklist – Does/Has/Is the Pilgrim:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Desire to Grow as a Christian and been baptized?		
The potential for leadership in his/her environment?		
The capacity for careful listening and understanding?		
Seriously open to change?		
Mature, responsible, and in good emotional health?		
Physically capable of fully participating in the weekend?		
Understand that Via de Cristo is much more than just a weekend experience?		
Able to live in close community with others?		
Really want to attend a weekend?		
Currently experiencing a crisis (family, marital, health, job, etc)? * SEE 1 & 2 BELOW *		

<b>Sponsor Checklist – Do/Have you, as sponsor:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Been living the 4 <sup>th</sup> day and understand the goals of Via de Cristo?		
Prayed for guidance before taking any action toward sponsoring the pilgrim?		
Told the pilgrim about the 4 <sup>th</sup> day?		
Ensured that the pilgrim really wants to participate and not just “do you a favor?”		
Offered to assist the pilgrim with family support (babysitting, house sitting, etc)?		
Offered the pilgrim transportation to and from the weekend?		
Agree to support the pilgrim through prayer, palanca, and your presence at the closing?		
Agree to actively assist the pilgrim to join a Reunion Group and participate in Ultreya?		
Agree to support the pilgrim in the 4 <sup>th</sup> day for at least six months after the weekend?		

## **SPONSOR GUIDELINES**

### Before you approach your pilgrim:

1. The Via de Cristo movement is Christian and provides a renewal opportunity for baptized believers in Jesus Christ. The weekend can be an emotional and deeply spiritual experience and is not suited for everyone. Your pilgrim should be mentally, physically, and spiritually able to experience the weekend completely and must have the endorsement of clergy that knows them well enough to provide such endorsement.

2. Clergy endorsement cannot be overemphasized. Check with the endorsing clergy before approaching a prospective pilgrim to ensure endorsement will be forthcoming. Failure to do so can cause serious problems. The clergy may know something about the prospective pilgrim that makes that person unsuitable for a Via de Cristo weekend at the time you approach them. This does not preclude you from approaching that person once the situation is rectified or the clergy is willing to provide endorsement.

### When you approach your pilgrim:

3. Once you have clergy concurrence, approach the prospective pilgrim. Answer any questions they may ask. If asked, let the pilgrim know that their weekend has been paid for by those who have gone on previous weekends, by the community, or by the sponsor. Let the pilgrim know that a free-will offering will be received in the spirit of giving. Assist the pilgrim in filling out the Pilgrim’s Registration Form to ensure accuracy and completeness.

### After your pilgrim agrees to attend:

4. Mail the completed Pilgrim’s Registration Form and your Sponsor’s Registration Form along with a non-refundable \$15 application fee (payable to Via de Cristo of Ohio) to the address below.

5. Stay in contact with your pilgrim and give your support. Both you and the pilgrim will receive acknowledgement of registration and instructions for the weekend.

### Mailing Address:

Via de Cristo of Ohio  
 PO Box 53081  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45253

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPONSOR’S REGISTRATION FORM FOR COMPLETENESS AND ACCURACY.