

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 th 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.

Pilgrim Checklist – Does/Has/Is the Pilgrim:	Yes	No
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 *		

Sponsor Checklist – Do/Have you, as sponsor:	Yes	No
Been living the 4 th 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 th 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 th 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.