

INKY Via de Cristo re-SPONSOR-bilities

No sponsor - no pilgrim - no weekend. A successful weekend experience begins with a good sponsor. *So what are the responsibilities of being a sponsor for a Via de Cristo Weekend?*

Visit our www.INKYvdc.org website for complete information and interactive forms or request information from any of the Outreach Coordinators, but here are some highlights.

- ✓ Pray for discernment. Who does God want to invite on a weekend? Don't take this step lightly! It has to be the right time, God's time, to insure your pilgrim has a good weekend experience.
- ✓ The pilgrim does not have to be Lutheran, but must be active in worship and attendance within a Christian congregation.
- ✓ Be active in a reunion group or an equivalent. Explain a reunion group and help your pilgrim find a reunion group.
- ✓ Consult with the Pastor/Minister of the pilgrim. The Application to Attend a Via de Cristo Weekend must have their signature in support of the pilgrim's attendance. Return the signed application, a completed Sponsor Information Form and a \$20 application fee to the address on the Sponsor Form.
- ✓ Discuss with the pilgrim the purpose and methods of a Via de Cristo Weekend so there are no misconceptions. Remember the desire is to deepen the pilgrim's walk with Christ and develop Christian Leaders in the local church, not to solve deep-seated personal problems.

- ✓ Pray for your pilgrim before, during and after the weekend. Care for any special needs of your pilgrim's family while they're away. Make sure your pilgrim understands there will be no contact with their family during the weekend except for emergencies.
- ✓ Discuss with your pilgrim the \$120 cost for the weekend (which includes a non-refundable \$20 application fee), that the cost for their weekend has already been paid by someone else and that at the conclusion of the weekend they will also have an opportunity to "pay-it-forward" for someone else's weekend. *INKY Scholarships* are available as needed.
- ✓ Make sure your pilgrim is prepared for the weekend with appropriate clothing, sleeping bag and toiletries.
- ✓ Obtain spouse, family and personal Palanca for your pilgrim.
- ✓ Make arrangements for your pilgrim to be fed and delivered to send off on time.
- ✓ Attend closing and/or make arrangements for your pilgrim to be delivered back home.
- ✓ After the weekend, accompany your pilgrim to their first Ultreya, and encourage continued involvement: Serenade, Servant School, Sponsor and Team.



Please
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SPONSOR INFORMATION SHEET INKY Via de Cristo



Road
Reverse Side
First

PILGRIM

FIRST Name

LAST Name

WEEKEND to Attend

SPONSOR

Sponsor Name

#

Weekend Attended

Home Phone

Work Phone

Address

City

State

Zip

E-Mail Address

Name & Denomination of Church

How Long Known Pilgrim?

Why are you sponsoring this pilgrim for *Via de Cristo*?

Sponsoring a pilgrim is both a joy and a responsibility. Remember: *Via de Cristo* is not structured to solve a pilgrim's deep-seated personal problems. It is designed to provide to those attending a deeper understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Select your pilgrim with this structure in mind.

- Have you served as a Sponsor before?
- Are you willing to pray and sacrifice for your pilgrim?
- Will you care for the special needs of your pilgrim's family during the weekend?
- Will you attend your pilgrim's *Sunday Closing*?
- Have you explained *Reunion Group* to your pilgrim?
- Will you obtain spouse, family and personal *palanca letters* for your pilgrim?
- Do you understand the responsibility in assisting your pilgrim in finding a *Reunion Group*?
- Will you accompany your pilgrim(s) to their first *Ultreya*?
- Is your pilgrim aware that, except in an emergency, there will be no contact with their family during the weekend?
- Have you discussed the \$120 cost (\$100 + \$20 application fee) of the *Via de Cristo* weekend with your pilgrim?
(If the weekend cost is an obstacle which would prohibit attendance of a weekend, INKY Scholarships are available.)

Sponsor's Signature

Date

PILGRIM will be **TAKEN TO SEND OFF** by:

Sponsor or

NAME of person TAKING Pilgrim TO Send Off

Contact Phone (if not Sponsor)

PILGRIM will be **TAKEN HOME FROM CLOSING** by:

Sponsor or

NAME of person TAKING Pilgrim HOME FROM Closing

Contact Phone (if not Sponsor)

RETURN this COMPLETED FORM, a non-refundable \$20 CHECK & attach APPLICATION TO ATTEND A WEEKEND to:

**Randy Poisel, Pre-Weekend Chairman
7703 Home Dr., Fishers, IN 46038**

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