

## *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](http://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.

