



*We look forward to your enjoying*  
**Via de Cristo!**

Please give prayerful consideration to attending a Via de Cristo weekend, keeping your heart and mind open, and listening for God's leading as you decide. Many who have attended a weekend first wondered if they should go. Now that they have attended, they want to share this wonderful gift from God with you. May you be blessed to be a blessing to everyone around you!



**For More  
Information:**

Visit the Indiana-Kentucky  
Lutheran Via de Cristo  
Website at  
[www.inkyvdc.org](http://www.inkyvdc.org)



Upcoming  
WEEKENDS:

**Spring 2020**

**Mens #81**

Feb 27-Mar 1, 2020  
Camp Lakeview, Seymour, IN

**Womens #82**

Mar 5-8, 2020  
Camp Lakeview, Seymour, IN

**Coeds #29**

Apr 30-May 3, 2020  
Epworth Forest, North Webster, IN

**Fall 2020**

**Coeds #30**

Sep 24-27, 2020  
Epworth Forest, North Webster, IN

**Coeds #31**

Nov 5-8, 2020  
Camp Lakeview, Seymour, IN

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**A Simple Guide  
To A Three Day  
Via de Cristo  
WEEKEND**



*Via de Cristo, which means "Way of Christ,"* is a three-day retreat that takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. Via de Cristo is a structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them, their families, churches, and the environment in which they live and work every day. It is a united effort of laity and clergy to aid congregations in developing Christian leaders to more effectively serve Christ in the world.

### *The Purpose of Via de Cristo*

The heart and essence of the Via de Cristo is to bring Christians to a full awareness of what is meant by living a life of Grace, adding new strength and vitality to their Christian walk every day.

The purpose of the Via de Cristo is also to develop in Christians a consciousness of their power and mission to become leaders in Christian renewal, and the desire to continue to live a life of Grace, personally and together with their brothers and sisters in Christ.



## *WHO IS Via de Cristo FOR?*

*Via de Cristo is intended for Christian lay people from all walks of life as well as for pastors. Any adult 21 and over may attend Via de Cristo, There are separate weekends for men and for women in spring and fall, as well as a co-ed weekend.*

*Single, divorced, or widowed men and women are very welcome. The weekend will keep you busy from morning till night. It is a wonderfully refreshing and invigorating three day spiritual retreat. You will be tired when the weekend is over, but you will also be exhilarated and overwhelmed by the out-pouring of love and grace that is the Via de Cristo main gift to you!*



## *WHAT HAPPENS ON A Via de Cristo WEEKEND?*

The Via de Cristo weekend begins on a Thursday evening and ends on the following Sunday night. During the weekend you will:

- Meet people & make new friends
- Listen to inspiring talks given by laypeople & pastors
- Share insightful small group discussions
- Pray
- Take walks
- Share fellowship
- Sing
- Make more friends
- Worship
- Eat three fabulous meals each day
- Celebrate Holy Communion
- **AND MUCH MORE!**



## *How Do I Get To Via de Cristo?*

You will have a sponsor, and he or she will joyfully assume the responsibility of seeing that you are picked up from your home, transported to the Via de Cristo site, and returned right to your front door at the end of the weekend!

## *What Happens After The Weekend?*

When you attend a VDC weekend you are invited to build on it for the rest of your life. The time after the weekend is called 'The Fourth Day.' You are asked to do two things during your Fourth Day:

1. Expand your inner spiritual life through study and church participation.
2. Become a more active Christian in your daily life.

To help you with this, the VDC community of people who've attended weekends offers two great helps:

1. The Group Reunion, which is a small group of 2-5 friends from VDC who meet together to reflect on their spiritual growth & encourage each other in discipleship.
2. Ultreya, which is a meeting of the larger VDC community at regular intervals during the year for fellowship, worship with communion, singing and sharing.

Finally, another way available to experience more growth on your Fourth Day after your weekend is to volunteer to serve on a Team to offer the weekend to others—passing on to others what you have received on your weekend!

## *Via de Cristo is Worldwide!*

This movement is a worldwide ecumenical adventure designed to bring people into a closer relationship with their Lord, Jesus Christ. *Via de Cristo* means "Way of Christ" and was conceived by the Catholic Church in Spain in the 1950's. The experience has since expanded to many other nations of the world and has been joyously received by many denominations within the Christian church. Some denominations have different names for the experience—Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias, Kairos, The Great Banquet, etc.—but in each case the structure of the three-day retreat stays basically the same.