

Who to contact about attending Via de Cristo®?

If you are interested in Via de Cristo®, talk to someone who has attended. He or she can answer your questions, provide support and help make arrangements for your weekend. Or, contact one of the A-OK Lutheran Secretariat members listed in this brochure.

When will the next Via de Cristo® be held?

Weekend # 24

October 15—18, 2009

Saint Scholastica

Fort Smith, AR

Registration Deadline October 9, 2009

Weekend # 25

March 18—21, 2010

Catholic Pastoral Center

Oklahoma City, OK.

Registration Deadline March 12, 2010

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Via de Cristo®

“Way of Christ”

A three day weekend designed

to strengthen and

renew the faith of

Christian people

What is Via de Cristo®?

Via de Cristo® is rather difficult to explain to someone who has never experienced it. We can describe the basic activities of the weekend, however, we cannot fully explain the way God uses Via de Cristo® as a special means of drawing individual participants closer to Him in a vary personal and unique way.

“I realized that God does listen and care about me and that he has an overwhelming abundance of love for me. All I have to do to receive that love is ask for it.”

Via de Cristo® finds it's roots in “Cursillo®” (Kur-SEE-Yo) a spiritual method and movement that started in the Roman Catholic Church in Spain during the 1964's and spread to the United States in the late 1950's. Via de Cristo® is the Lutheran expression of Cursillo®, which has now grown to include Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptist and Christian of many other denominations. The first Lutheran weekend were help in 1972 in Iowa and Florida , and have since been held in over 25 states. Today, Cursillo® and it various expression comprise a worldwide movement with an active presence throughout North, South, and Central America, Australia, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

What's The Purpose of Via de Cristo®?

Via de Cristo® “Way of Christ” is a spiritual renewal program designed to help develop Christian disciples and leaders. We are called to a deeper relationship with God through which He can strengthen the awareness of His presence and His grace in our lives, our churches, and our communities

What Happens On A Via de Cristo® Weekend?

The Via de Cristo® experience begins with a three-day short course that covers the essence of Christianity and Christian life. In an atmosphere of support and acceptance, talks are given by both lay people and pastors. These talks focus on God's love for us, our individual relationships with Him and what His grace means for our lives. Each talk is followed by a small group discussion. In addition, each day is filled with fellowship, contemplation, inspiring worship and lots of laughter and fun.

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:18

What Happens After The Weekend?

You may attend a Via de Cristo® week-end only once, but you are given the chance to build on it for the rest of your life. People who have attended are encouraged to expand their spiritual lives through study and church participation, and to become more active witnesses for Christ in their daily lives. Ongoing opportunities for sharing and growing are also provided through small groups of men and woman who meet regularly to share their walks and struggles in faith and to help one another. Ultreyas are periodic gatherings of the local church Via de Cristo® community for encouragement, worship and fellowship.

“It was a time that affirmed and illuminated my faith. It was the best gift I ever gave myself.”

Who Should Attend Via de Cristo®?

Via de Cristo® is intended for lay people from every walk of life and for pastors. It is for people who live strong and active lives in Christ as well as those who seek to be renewed and strengthened in their relationship with Him.