PURPOSE OF VIA DE CRISTO

In today's world, can Christianity penetrate all areas of our secular lives? Can it live there? Can it grow there? Can it transform the world in a way that is more fruitful than the past, yet in keeping with the times? Those in Via de Cristo movement think so! Via de Cristo proposes no new type of spirituality – only a simple method through which one's grace-filled live may, in a natural loving way, be lived and shared with others.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Via de Cristo is for all Baptized Christians who seek more joy, purpose, and meaning in their lives. It is for those who desire to grow in their faith and learn more about prayer, Bible study, and sharing their faith with others.

In the case of married individuals, both partners are encouraged to attend a Via de Cristo weekend to strengthen their relationship as open with Jesus Christ.

WHAT HAPPENS ON A WEEKEND?

Via de Cristo begins on a Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. While you are attending you spend three busy but very enjoyable days. You live and study together with much singing, prayer, worship, and discussion. Discussion centers around the talks given by laity and clergy. Following each talk, small round table discussions focus on the main point. These talks in an overlapping fashion, present the Christian life based upon the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. understand the real presence of Christ in His Body of believers.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE WEEKEND?

You are asked to build on these three days for the rest of your life, also known as the "Fourth Day". You are encouraged to use the tools you've learned to (1) expand your inner spiritual life through study and church participation and (2) become a more active witness for Christ in your daily life.

AFTER THE WEEKEND

Group Reunions or small groups of men or women who meet regularly to help one another in their spiritual development.

Ultreya is a meeting of the local community for encouragement and study.

Participation in both groups is strongly encouraged.

SUMMARY

We ask you to keep an open mind and heart in making your decision. Many of those who have attended also wondered whether they should go. Now that they have attended, they want to share this wonderful gift from God. Please understand that their experience was unique, and all discussions in the world will not become a substitute for your weekend. You need to experience it yourself to obtain its full and life enriching value.

HISTORY OF VIA DE CRISTO

The movement originated as “Cursillo” in the late 1940s in the Spanish Catholic church and moved to America in the late 1950’s. It began in the Lutheran church when laymen and clergy attended a Catholic Cursillo in 1971, both in Iowa and Florida. The first Lutheran sponsored weekends were held in 1972 in both Iowa and Florida and have now been held in over 15 states and some foreign countries. Via de Cristo is the Lutheran expression of the Cursillo method which is currently used in many denominations including: Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches. The name “Via de Cristo” was adopted by the Lutheran Community in 1986.

MISSION STATEMENT

By Grace, with the Holy Spirit, we challenge leaders to discover and achieve their personal calling, assisting them to influence their environments with the Gospel

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WHAT IS VIA DE CRISTO?

Via de Cristo is a highly structured three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God’s grace. It is a combined effort of lay people and clergy toward renewal of the church.