

Minnesota Via de Cristo Weekender Application Form

Part 1 - COMPLETED BY APPLICANT: (Please Print) Please read the guidelines on the back of this form. Via de Cristo weekends fill rapidly. Submitting this application does not guarantee your acceptance to the weekend. You will know of your acceptance into the weekend when you and your sponsor each receive a letter of acceptance from the weekend leader. Additional information will be provided to you at that time.

Date and location of Via de Cristo weekend for which you are applying _____

Mr. Mrs. Married Divorced Widowed Miss Ms Single Rev Dr

Full Name _____ Age _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

First name, or nickname you would like on your name tag _____ Spouse's First Name _____

Street Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip (+4) _____

Telephone (including area code) Home _____ Work _____

Name of your church _____ Denomination _____ City _____

Occupation _____ Do you play a musical instrument? Which ones? _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____

Special Needs? (Medical etc.) Describe _____

Applicant, when done with your portion of this form, return it to your sponsor.

Part 2 - COMPLETED BY SPONSOR: (Please Print)

Name _____ Your VDC Weekend # _____

Street Address _____ Are you in a renewal group? _____

City _____ State _____ Zip (+4) _____

Telephone (including area code) Home _____ Work _____

Sponsor, when done with your portion of this form, give it to the Via de Cristo liaison of the applicant's church.

Part 3 - COMPLETED BY PASTOR OF THE APPLICANT (Does not have to be a Via de Cristo pastor):

Is this person physically, spiritually and emotionally able to attend this weekend? _____

Is there any particular information about this person which you feel would be helpful to the leadership of this Via de Cristo weekend? _____

I certify that the applicant's church membership is at the church of which I am pastor.

Pastor's signature _____

Pastor, when done with your portion of this form, please return it to the Via de Cristo liaison of your church.

Part 4 - COMPLETED BY LIAISON:

Date Submitted _____

Liaison Name (Please Print) _____ E-Mail _____

Liaison Signature _____ Phone _____

Liaison, send this to the appropriate allocations person listed below.

Metro Applications to:
 Karen Steahl
 1508 Black Oaks Pl. N.
 Plymouth, MN 55447

North Applications to:
 Charles Nettetstad
 906 Lake Street
 Alexandria, MN 56308

South Applications to:
 Paul Vomhof
 21096 State Highway 80
 Fountain, MN 55935

What is Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo originated as Cursillo[®] in the 1940's in Majorca in Spain. Cursillo[®] (kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word for "short intense course". The movement spread quickly and has been adopted by many different denominations around the world. Although its known by many different names today (<http://cursillos.ca/en/liens.htm>), the essentials of this 3 day retreat remain the same. The method 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. The method is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Lutheran movement is called "Via de Cristo" (www.viade Cristo.org). This is Spanish meaning "Way of Christ". A Via de Cristo weekend is three days long, beginning on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday afternoon. The participants live, study, worship and commune together daily. Through 14 progressive talks, Via de Cristo gives attendees a living understanding of basic Christian truths. There is music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter and a time for prayer.

Keep an open mind and heart in making your decision to attend Via de Cristo. Like you, many attendees wondered if they should go. Now that they have attended, they want to share this wonderful gift from God with others. Please understand that their experience attending Via de Cristo was unique, and all the conversations in the world are not a substitute for your weekend. You need to experience a weekend yourself to obtain its full and life enriching value.

Via de Cristo Participant Guidelines

Joshua 1:8

- DO NOT SUBMIT ANY MONEY WITH THIS APPLICATION. After the applicant has been accepted into the weekend, a registration fee of \$30.00 per person will be required. Additional instructions will be provided at that time.
- Via de Cristo is an ecumenical program. Members of any Christian church are eligible to participate provided that a pastor from that church has at one time attended a Cursillo[®] type weekend.
- Once a church has been established as a Cursillo[®] church it can continue to send both lay and clergy to weekends. The church remains a Cursillo[®] church even after the Cursillo[®] pastor retires or takes another call.
- The first attending pastor is required to have one lay couple from that church attend at the same time for the purpose of establishing community.
- A person must be over 21 years old to attend a Via de Cristo weekend. An exception is made for married or engaged couples where one person is less than 21.
- Via de Cristo is open to both single and married people. However, both husband and wife must attend the same pair of weekends.
- Weekends fill quickly. Clergy from churches, which have not participated in the past, are given preference in the application selection.
- The weekends are operated in pairs. Men attend the first weekend and women attend one week later. Both weekends are held at the same site.
- Weekends are held in a host church where all of the participants and Via de Cristo team members live together as a community.
- The weekends begin at 7:30pm on Thursday and end at approximately 5:00pm on Sunday. Complete attendance is required for the entire weekend.
- Each weekend is presented by a team, which has gathered and trained together for that weekend only. The same format and time schedule is followed for each weekend.

For Further Information Contact:

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