



The Rooster Crows

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Start Crowing About the Via de Cristo in Your Community

The 2006 Via de Cristo weekends are approaching quickly. Pilgrims need to be recruited now! We would love to have a full slate for both the men's and women's weekends by the Christmas holiday. To do so, however, will require a lot of work on your part.

First give careful thought to the people that you want to ask.

- These should be men and women for whom Christianity is not a new thing.
- These should be men and women in whom you sense a strong desire to strengthen their

Christian walk and their service to others.

- These should be men and women who would enjoy being pampered by their brothers and sisters while focusing on their Christian walk.
- These should **not** be men and women who are currently going through a personal crisis of any type.

Now, begin the careful process of recruitment. It is **not** advisable to assault your prospects with all the reasons they **should** attend. Instead, consider these tips:

1. Invite the potential pilgrims to the weekend in the same way that you would invite them to dinner in your home.
2. Share with the potential pilgrims all the information they request. Tell them about the talks, the posters, the jokes, the meals, the sleeping arrangements, the bells. Tell them that they will be asked to put away their watches to be on God's time. Tell them that they will be put into families that they will be with for discussion at the tables. Too many times I have heard that potential pilgrims have resisted because they feel it is a secret organization. It is not, and we need to make them feel comfortable.
3. Talk about how they will be taken care of in a Christian camping atmosphere except that the facilities are more like a motel. Let them know that they will be cared for with much love.
4. They will not be asked to do anything they do not feel comfortable doing, such as talking in front of the group, etc.
5. They will experience the Triune God throughout the weekend.

One cursillista has explained that a person doesn't have to go to a weekend, but that he/she **deserves** to have a Via de Cristo weekend. God bless you as you recruit and may we have many, many pilgrims in 2006.

How Do My Pilgrims Make Application for the Weekend?

Registering your pilgrims is a very simple process. First, copy as many application blanks as necessary. Please keep in mind that these applications have been revised so be sure to use the one that is enclosed with this newsletter. Then, fill out the front side of the registration blank with each pilgrim. Do not forget to turn the registration blank over and give us the information on the back. It is particularly important to know how willing the pilgrim is to share as that will be considered when forming the family groups. Third, enclose a ten dollar deposit with the registration. Some sponsors choose to pay the entire amount for their pilgrim. This may be sent with the application if that is your choice. Finally, send the application for the January 2006 weekends to Jolene Manzey, 822 Greenwood Drive, Storm Lake, Iowa 50588. It is our hope to have most of the pilgrims registered prior to the Christmas holidays. Please look for their names on our website:

www.iowalutheransecretariat.org, as we receive them. Checking this site often insures that you will have plenty of time to write palanca for each of the pilgrims listed.

Plan Now To Attend The Grand Ultreya



A Grand Ultreya is a meeting of anyone who has attended a Via de Cristo. We meet first for worship and Holy Communion. This is followed by a time of fellowship and review of the purposes of the Via de Cristo movement.

*When: March 4, 2006
10:30-2:30*

*Where: Bethany Lutheran Church
Spencer, Iowa*

Who: All Cursillistas

Lunch: We will order pizza after everyone arrives.



NEEDED

Pilgrims: Begin recruitment now to ensure that Via de Cristo 2006 operates at maximum enrollment. We are looking for Christians anxious to renew and reenergize their lives through a weekend. You will find a Pilgrim Application inside this publication.

Palanca Workers: We are looking for cursillistas willing to spend all or part of a weekend serving those who come to experience the weekend. You will also find a palanca application inside this publication.

Set-Up Crew: We are in need of men and women to help set up at the camp on Sunday, January 8, 2006, at 2:00. Just come to the camp if you can help.

Tear Down Crew: We need people willing to be available prior to and following the closing to return the camp to its original state. If you are available, just come to the Women's Closing on January 22, 2006, and plan on staying until the work is completed.

Secretariat Members: We need cursillistas interested in becoming a part of the governing body of Lutheran Via de Cristo. The governing body is the Iowa Lutheran Secretariat. Come to the Grand Ultreya Event on March 4, 2006 in Spencer. Secretariat will meet following Ultreya at approximately 2:30 PM.



Please pray for the members of the Via de Cristo Teams 2006



Spiritual Rector-Pr. Scott Meier/Pr. Jane Johnston **Environment:** Steve Quattlebaum/Colleen Steen

Rectors-Harold Overmann/Jolene Marzey **CC in Action:** Jeff Buchan/Kim Meier

Assistant Rectors-Jerry/Tammy Ryker, **Auxiliaries:** Ron Ellefson, Todd Nicholson, Jerry Roe/

Preston Johnston/Chrissy Mathews, Barb Brockshus Lisa Buchan, Becky Hale, April Johnston, Christy Year

Ideal-Lonny Cummins/Vicki Matuska **Palanca Rectors:** Todd Brockshus/Theone Quattlebaum

Laity-Jim Hitchcock/Cheryl Todd **Kitchen Rectors:** Butch Sleezer/Jo Aarsby, Barb Mummert,

Piety-Dave Jensen/Becky Roe Bonnie Sleezer

Study-Joe Simington/Sheryl Kleppe **Women's Assistant Spiritual Rectors:** Pr. Connie Spitzack

Action-Brad/Laurie Simington Pr. Susan Stone, Pr. Wendy Van Tassell

Leaders-Dan Douglas/Linda Soderberg **Women's Palanca Spiritual Rector:** Pr. Tim Nappe



Mapping The Course of a Via de Cristo Weekend

When the pilgrims arrive on Thursday night, they spend some time in self-examination of their personal relationship with Christ. Following night prayers, they are asked to spend the remainder of the night in silence.

Friday is a day devoted to the question: *Who am I?* The following talks are given:

- IDEAL—showing the need to have a direction in our lives
- GRACE—presents the supreme ideal of a divine life in grace
- LAITY—emphasizes the layperson's mission in the church
- GRACE, TOO—emphasizing that our mission is done with the help of the Holy Spirit
- PIETY—what it means to commit all aspects of your life to Christ

Saturday is a day devoted to looking at Christ. The following talks are given:

- STUDY—showing how to deepen our knowledge of Christ through the use of the Bible and other resources
- MEANS OF GRACE—reviews the Word and Sacraments as presented in Lutheran doctrine
- ACTION—shows the connection between living a life in grace and our response to that grace
- OBSTACLES TO A LIFE IN GRACE—reminds us that sin is part of our daily existence but God is always with us
- LEADERS—encourages us to lead as Christian witnesses

Sunday shows Christ through me in the community in which I live. The following talks are given:

- EVANGELIZING IN OUR ENVIRONMENT—reminds us of our witness where we live and work
- LIFE IN GRACE—shows us how to practice a life in grace by practicing piety
- DEVELOPING A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN OUR ENVIRONMENT—discusses how to form community in our daily life
- GROUP REUNION/ULTREYA—emphasizes the importance of grouping with other Christians to further our faith walk in the 4th day



Send Completed Applications to:

Pilgrim applications: Men's **Palanca** applications: Women's **Palanca** applications:

Jolene Manzey Todd Brockshus Theone Quattlebaum
 822 Greenwood Drive 2220 280th St. 228 8th St.
 Storm Lake, IA 50588 Spencer, IA 51301 Spencer, IA 51301



Support our 2006 Cursillistas at their Closings

When: Sunday, January 15, 2006 (Men's)

Sunday, January 22, 2006 (Women's)

Time: 2:15 P.M.

Place: Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camp Chapel



What are my duties as a Sponsor?



Prior to the weekend you have the following responsibilities:

- 1. With others in your church, determine who you are going to invite to the Via de Cristo. Approach those folks to whom you have been assigned in a non-threatening manner.**
- 2. If they agree to attend, complete their application with them.**
- 3. Send the application and the \$10 deposit to Jolene Manzey, 822 Greenwood,**

Storm Lake, Iowa 50588.

- 4. Transport your pilgrim to the camp on Thursday night by 7:00. If you cannot do this yourself, make sure that you have arranged transportation for them.**
- 5. Send or take palanca for your pilgrim to the palanca chapel on Thursday evening. This should include any mail from women pilgrims' husbands.**

During the weekend:

- 1. Pray for your pilgrim and for the entire Via de Cristo weekend.**
- 2. If the pilgrim's family needs assistance in their absence, make yourself available.**
- 3. Attend the closing. We cannot stress strongly enough how important this is. If you absolutely cannot attend, make sure someone is there in your stead.**

Following the weekend:

- 1. Help the pilgrim find people with whom to group. Grouping is very important to keeping the three day experience alive in the mind of the pilgrim.**
- 2. Attend an Ultreya with your pilgrim if there is one available. If there is not, consider starting one.**