



Sonshine Via de Cristo

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For Weekend # _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY IN DARK INK

Name _____
First Name "Nickname" (will be used on Nametag) Last Name

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Male or Female _____ Birth Month/Day ____ / ____ Marital Status: _____

Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior? ___Yes ___ No Are you a Pastor? Yes ___ No ___

****This is a three day weekend retreat that requires your continuous presence throughout. Are you willing to be present continuously from Thursday evening 7:30 pm through Sunday 6:30 pm? ___ Yes ___ No**
We have **emergency contact numbers** available throughout the retreat: 305 497-0648 or 305 434-2003.

****Personal electronic devices including cell phones are not permitted during this 72 hour retreat. Are you willing to leave all personal electronic devices including phone home during the weekend? ___ Yes ___ No**

In case of an emergency we will contact your family immediately without hesitation. Who should we contact?

_____ Contact Name Phone Number(s) Relationship

Your current Church: _____

Church address _____

Your Pastor/Minister's Name: _____ How long have you been a member? _____

If married, has your spouse attended Via de Cristo? ___Yes ___ No If yes, when: _____
(Year)

Why would you like to attend a Via de Cristo? _____

****Dietary, Medical or Physical Restrictions** including food allergies, dietary restrictions, or medical needs:

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pastors Name (Printed) _____ Office Phone: _____

Pastor/Minister's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor To Please Complete this Section

Sponsor Name: _____ Weekend Number you attended: _____
(First) (Last)

Address with Zip: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Numbers: : Home _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ How long have you known the candidate? ___ Years

Are you in a Reunion Group? ___ Yes ___ No When & where do you meet? _____

Sponsor Only Donation: Please include \$100 with application, check payable to "Sonshine Via de Cristo", Thank you

What is Via de Cristo?

Literally meaning "way of Christ", Via de Cristo is a short course in Christianity that is designed to provide all Christians with a significant foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. Grace and Growth are combined in an exciting and energetic way. At the Via de Cristo the participants become increasingly aware that they are a part of a community abounding in God's grace. The three days are a triple encounter: with Christ; with Christian brothers and sisters; and with a Christian community.

What is the History of Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo originated as the roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in 1948 and moved to America in the late 50's. The first Lutheran sponsored Cursillos (the early name for Via de Cristo) were held in Miami, Florida in 1971. In addition to the Roman Catholic and Lutheran movements there are similar expressions in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christian churches. Today, more than 2 million Christians in 50 nations have attended a "Cursillo" weekend.

What is the Format for the Weekend?

The Via de Cristo weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. During the 72 hours, fourteen talks will be presented: Five talks are given by clergy and nine by lay people. The weekend also includes chapel each morning, communion, small group discussions, sharing, music, singing, laughter, and prayer. The fourteen talks are discussed by the participants and will include a Christian perspective on the following subjects:

- Ideal
 - Importance of Study
 - Obstacles to a Life in Grace
 - Grace A Day in the Life of a Christian
 - Actions in the Community
 - Lay People in the Church
 - Apostolic Action
- Each of the talks deals with living one's life in God's grace.

Who goes to Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is not designed to convert anyone to Christianity. It is meant for those who are already faithful and committed to Christ and His church. Once again, the goal of Via de Cristo is to encourage Christians in their lives of faith and increase their awareness of grace and service to the Church and world. During a Via de Cristo weekend, those who have previously attended are called "The Team", and it is their responsibility to serve you in every possible way.

When is Via de Cristo held?

Weekends in South Florida are held twice yearly for men and twice yearly for women at various churches throughout the Palm Beach-Broward-Dade-and Monroe Counties.

How can I attend Via de Cristo?

If you would like to attend a Via de Cristo weekend, please contact an individual who has previously attended. We suggest you also speak to your pastor, since your pastor must sign the application when you decide to attend. If you do not know of anyone who has previously attended a Via de Cristo, we will be happy to provide you with additional information or answer any questions you may have.

What happens after the weekend?

The weekend is only a beginning. What you learn and share during the weekend will hopefully be taken back and put into practice in your local congregation and community. You will be supported by many others who have attended a Via de Cristo before or with you. Small groups meet regularly (usually weekly) to affirm one another and to share the Christian life of Grace. These activities inspire, challenge, and encourage Christian action in homes, churches, and communities. Celebrations open to everyone are held approximately 3 weeks after each weekend at the weekend location.

How much does the weekend cost?

Costs are kept to an absolute minimum to cover the cost of lodging, meals, and supplies for the weekend. Since we do not want the lack of funds to keep any person from attending, scholarships are available. Weekend costs are \$100.00.

We Pray all who attend a Via de Cristo will be blessed and strengthened in their desire to be a blessing in their churches and Christian communities. We welcome you and our community will be praying for you – before, during, and after your weekend.

Please confirm that you have read the above, thank you and God's Blessings!

Candidate

Sponsor

