

Who should attend a Via De Cristo Weekend?

VIA de CRISTO is intended for lay people from every walk of life, for pastors, for people who live strong and active lives in Christ, and also for those who seek to be renewed and strengthened in their relationship with Christ and the people around them. **VIA de CRISTO** is open to married couples, and single men and women.

Keep an open mind and heart in making your decision to attend **VIA de CRISTO**.

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 attending **VIA de CRISTO** was unique, and all the conversations in the world will not become a substitute for your weekend.

You need to experience a weekend yourself to obtain its full and life enriching value.



TESTIMONIALS

"The beginning of a journey that took me to a mountaintop!"

"A time and a place to transform and renew my head and heart"

"VDC - A spiritual immersion: experience being a child of God, surrounded by sisters and brothers in Christ."

"This weekend was one of the most inspiring events that I have ever attended.

"The Holy Spirit works wonders on the weekend. After a lifetime of church participation, for the first time I really felt what the Grace of God means for me."

"An unforgettable spiritual feeling of a lifetime."

"Via de Cristo is life changing and something that you'll take with you to your dying day."

"The weekend is spiritually uplifting, very exciting, and created deep friendships that have stood the test of time."

"Words cannot say enough but I'll give it a shot - wonder, joy, peace, connection, presence, love of GOD"

"Life-changing! I could never say enough about what Via de Cristo has meant and continues to mean for me."

"We have found brothers and sisters in Christ through our mutual experience of our VDC weekend. What a blessing God gave us in our invitation to a VDC weekend.!"

"For me the weekend became an overwhelming catalyst for a major shift to the good in my Christian spirituality and relationship with God."



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What is Via De Cristo?

VIA de CRISTO is a Spanish phrase meaning “Way of Christ.”

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.



Purpose of Via De Cristo?

VIA de CRISTO is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on **VIA de CRISTO** itself, but on the environment of the community of believers. The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip people for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities

What Happens on a Via De Cristo Weekend?

A **VIA de CRISTO** weekend is three days in length, beginning on Thursday evening and ending the following Sunday evening. The participants live, study, worship and commune together daily.

Fourteen talks are given, nine by lay people and five by clergy. Following each talk, small round table discussions focus on the main points of the talk and a poster is done. The talks, in an overlapping fashion, present the Christian life, based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The titles of these talks indicate their content: Ideal, Piety, Study, Sacraments, Action, Obstacles to Grace, Leaders, Environment, Life in Grace, Christian Community, and Total Security.

VIA de CRISTO gives those attending a living understanding of basic Christian truths. There is music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter and for prayer.

DE COLORES!

What Happens after a Via De Cristo Weekend?

You may attend **VIA de CRISTO** only ONCE in your life, but you are asked to build on it for the rest of your life.

After you have attended a **VIA de CRISTO** weekend you are considered a Fourth Dayer (meaning the rest of your life), and you are encouraged to **1)** Expand your inner spiritual life through study and church participation, **2)** Become more active witnesses for Christ in your daily life.

VIA de CRISTO also offers two ongoing means of perseverance:

- 1) REUNION GROUPS**, small groups of men or women who meet regularly to study, pray, share and help one another in their quest for spiritual development,
- 2) ULTREYAS**, gatherings of the local **VIA de CRISTO** community for encouragement and fellowship.

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