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VdC Events for 2019

Offered for your prayer and planning

<p>May 30-June 2 7 pm Thursday to 6 pm Sunday</p>	<p>Co-ed Weekend #4</p>	<p>Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center 2734 Seminary Road Newark 43056</p>
<p>July 14-15 (a Sunday evening to Monday evening)</p>	<p>Clergy Workshop Please continue to reach out to pastors</p>	<p>Camp Mowana, Mansfield 2276 Fleming Falls Road Mansfield 44903</p>
<p>July 25-28 Thursday-Sunday</p>	<p>National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Gathering</p>	<p>University of Indianapolis 1400 East Hanna Avenue Indianapolis 46217</p>
<p>June 29 Saturday Time TBD</p>	<p>Via de Cristo Ohio Annual Meeting/Grand Ultreya/Picnic</p>	<p>Mt. Gilead State Park 4119 State Route 95 Mt. Gilead 43338</p>
<p>October 3-6 Thursday 7 pm to Sunday 6 pm</p>	<p>Women's Weekend #80</p>	<p>Akron Rotary Club 4460 Rex Lake Drive Akron 44319</p>
<p>November 7-10 7 pm Thursday to 6 pm Sunday</p>	<p>Men's Weekend #76</p>	<p>Akron Rotary Club</p>

Hello Community,

This is to inform you that we have reached capacity for women for the Coed # 4 Weekend. We still have a few spots available for men. But do not let that discourage you from sending in applications. If anyone drops from the Weekend the next person on the list will be asked to fill the spot so we remain at capacity. The ones still on the list will be first in line for the next Weekend available (Women's, Coed or Men's, depending on applicant.) This is actually a good problem to have if we have a waiting list. Pray for the Pilgrims and all involved on the Team. If you can, be sure to send Palanca, attend Send-off, join the Serenade or attend the Closing. Community is what makes Via de Cristo thrive.

With the summer months approaching us, do not forget to get applications in to Registrar Kevin Hoch for the fall Weekends. The Women's Weekend is October 3 - 6. The Men's is November 7 - 10. They will be at the Akron Rotary Club. The cutoff date to have at least 8 pilgrims is August 3 for the women and September 7 for the men. I would guess the capacity for this facility will be between 18 and 24.

The Clergy event is scheduled for July 14 -15. There is a flyer attached with this Newsletter to copy or send to a clergy person whom you know who hasn't been on a Weekend. This does not replace the Weekend, but it's more to introduce them to a VdC Weekend so they have a better understanding of what it is. From there they can decide to do a full Weekend or at least know what it is to send people from their congregations. It will still be at Camp Mowana on the north side of Mansfield in their Fleming Falls retreat center.

Last thing is the Annual Meeting and Ultreya at Mt. Gilead State Park. Come and enjoy fellowship with others through worship, games and of course food. Camping is available and maybe golf afterward if there is enough interest. We will gather at 12:00 noon with the potluck to start at 12:30 followed by worship and the Annual Meeting. This is Saturday June 29. On the subject of the Annual Meeting, we will elect an Assistant Lay Director (Christy Brill has another term available) and Treasurer. Raleigh Sandy has served two terms.

If anyone has any interest in running for either position please contact me before the end of the month.

God Bless,
Dave Lann, VdC Ohio Lay Director

A Letter from Christy Brill, Rector of Co-Ed #4

When we had our second team meeting, it was AWESOME! No matter how many teams I'm on, I am always amazed at how quickly the team gels and becomes one. At first, I wasn't sure if that would happen as quickly with a co-ed team, but God, per usual, did not disappoint, and we are already one big happy family! Of course, like any family, this did not happen without a couple bumps in the road. Regretfully, we had to say good-bye to one team member who had to drop-off the team, and we had to shuffle a few things around to accommodate other issues and needs. But God is in control, and He is definitely making this team the one that He needs it to be for the Pilgrims He has chosen to attend the weekend.



Speaking of Pilgrims, sadly Pilgrim Dan Cammarn is unable to attend the weekend due to unexpected pastoral-duties, but thankfully we gained several more in the past month. So many more in fact that we are close to maxing out the number of pilgrims we can accommodate this weekend! As I told the team yesterday, what a wonderful problem to have seeing that we have had to cancel so many weekends lately! With that said, we have room for four more men to attend, so if you have been discussing the weekend with someone, get those apps in now because it will be a first come, first registered situation (*see Dave Lann's article for more information about waitlists and deferring to the Fall weekends*).

Besides reducing the number of pilgrims who can attend, the change from weekends being held at the Cursillo Center in downtown Columbus to Saints Peter & Paul Retreat Center in Newark has made it logistically difficult to have a Sunday community morning wake-up. Although this has been a highlight for some in the past, it is not an essential part of the Cursillo experience and will not be included in Co-Ed #4, so stay in bed and get your rest in order to be refreshed for the closing. 😊

With that said however, we are asking the community to please assist us in one area that is usually covered in part by kitchen chas—Prayer During Rollos! Since we do not use a kitchen crew at Sts. Peter & Paul, we have a smaller team, which means fewer chas to pray in the chapel during rollos. Therefore, we hope the community can fill the gap in this regard. If you are willing to be a prayer warrior for our professors, please let our Head Cha, Dick Brenneman, know via email (dbbrenneman@gmail.com) so that he can schedule individuals accordingly and get you directions as needed. You can sign up for just one particular rollo, a whole day, or even the entire weekend.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for all of their prayers and support during this team building process. As I've mentioned before, Via de Cristo of Ohio is an important part in Dan's and my lives. I am humbled by the opportunity to be rector of Via de Cristo of Ohio Co-Ed #4 nearly 15 years after being rector of Women's #53. My hope and desire is that this weekend be pleasing to the Lord and magnify His name, not mine. I am but a lowly sinner in this broken world so I, like David, plead, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit." (Psalm 51:10-12 KJV)

God Loves You and So Do I,

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Co-Ed #4 Team Members

- Rector--Christine Brill
- Head Cha--Dick Brenneman
- Head SD--Pr. Rhonda Gallagher
- Spiritual Director--Pr. Paul Schmidlin
- Spiritual Director--Pr. Roger Miller
- Music Cha--Dan Brill
- Chapel Cha--Andrea Anderson
- Palanca Cha--Rhea Mathias
- Go-fer Cha--Karen Schwartz
- Utility Cha-- Jackie Lann
- Utility Cha--Leslie Miller
- Ideal Professor--Dick Brenneman
- Laity Professor--Vicky Sakala
- Piety Professor--Sean Quinn
- Study Professor--Paula Quinn
- Action Professor--Kevin Hoch
- Leaders Professor--Melissa Stitt
- Environment Professor--Kip Kanya
- CCA Professor--Carol Pretorius
- Grp Reunion/Ultreya--Christine Brill
- Head RR Cha--Dave Lann
- Table Cha--Debbie Ruffin
- Table Cha--Jeri Shobel
- Table Cha--Paul Sakala
- Table Cha--Jim Deily
- 4th Day Couple--Bruce & Karen Schwartz

Current Registered Pilgrims:

- Karen Osmond, St Andrews Anglican Church, Lewis Center; Sponsor - Christy Brill
- Maggy Everett, Good Hope Lutheran, Bucyrus; Sponsor - Bonnie Wolfe
- Kate Gwynne, Liberty Presbyterian, Delaware; Sponsor - Curtis Tyree
- Connor Gwynne, Liberty Presbyterian, Delaware; Sponsor - Curtis Tyree
- Lee Stober, St Paul Lutheran, Bucyrus; Sponsor--Mike Greenler
- Stella Teynor, St Paul Lutheran, Bucyrus; Sponsor--Jane Greenler
- Paula Iler, St. Paul Lutheran, Bucyrus; Sponsor - Christi Crall
- Mary Seal, Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala; Sponsor--Rhea Mathias
- Cheryl Luidhardt, St Paul Lutheran Church, Bucyrus; Sponsor-- Abby Engelhorn
- Kathy Scarmack, Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala; Sponsor--Rhea Mathias
- Lois Peterson, Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala; Sponsor--Rhea Mathias
- Sandy Swaney, St. Mark's Lutheran, Wapakoneta, Sponsor--Carol Pretorius
- Mark Swaney, St. Mark's Lutheran, Wapakoneta, Sponsor--Doug Pretorius

A Message from Dick Brenneman, Head Cha for Co-ed Weekend #4

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center Update for Co-Ed Weekend #4

We have been using Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center for Clergy and COED weekends. It is a great facility and if you talk to anyone who has been either a Pilgrim or Team member, the setting in the country, rooms, food and not to mention the chapel are a wonderful place to hold a weekend.

If you have not had a chance to see the Center first hand, you certainly are invited to either the Send-off, Serenade or Closing during the upcoming COED weekend May 30 through June 2.

As a reminder to our Community, the Center mandates that we do not bring any personal bedding, pillows, blankets, or sleeping bags into the facility. They'll even furnish towels and wash cloths.

When we hold Weekends elsewhere, such as at our new place at the Akron Rotary Camp, we will need to bring bedding, blankets, sleeping bags, towels, etc. since none of these items are furnished.

The address of Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center is: **2734 Seminary Road SE, Newark, Ohio 43056.**

Schedule for COED Weekend #4

Thursday, May 30	7:00 PM	Arrive
	7:30 PM	Sendoff
Friday, May 31	9:50 AM	Ideal
	11:05 AM	Habitual Grace
	1:25 PM	Laity
	2:30 PM	Actual Grace
	4:15 PM	Piety
Saturday, June 1	9:05 AM	Study
	10:20 AM	Day in Life/Sacraments
	1:20 PM	Apostolic Action
	3:00 PM	Obstacles to Grace
	4:20 PM	Leaders
	5:30 PM	Serenade Practice (Solarium Entrance, Chas with Guide)
Sunday, June 1	6:15 PM	Serenade
	9:05 AM	Environment
	9:55 AM	Life in Grace
	11:15 AM	Christian Community in Action
	1:05 PM	Group Reunion/Ultreya
5:00 PM	Clausara/Closing Chapel	

A Message from Sherryl Patterson, VdC Ohio Palanca Coordinator

Palanca

What an interesting word, but what does it mean or better yet how do you even pronounce it? Let's start at the beginning (Palanca: pah lahnk ah) is a direct word from the Spanish, meaning "lever". In the Via de Cristo, which is also Spanish for 'Way of Christ', Palanca means an outward expression of love through prayer and sacrifice which is offered to God in petition for grace so that as apostles we may accomplish more than we would be capable of otherwise.

This is why we ask communities to fill a space of time with prayer from Thursday evening, May 30th until Sunday evening, June 2nd to lift up each pilgrim and their families to the grace of God. You will receive the opportunity to choose times in the 72 Hour Prayer Palanca schedule next week.

Prayer is our 'lever' to accomplish all that God wants us to accomplish. There are many types of ways to use prayer; reading scripture, singing songs or psalms, sitting quietly and allowing the spirit to reach into your heart with whatever is comfortable for you.

Lately, I have been using 'Centering Prayer', of which there are four guidelines: 1. Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within - 2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within - 3. When engaged with your thoughts (body sensations, feelings, images, and reflections), return ever-so-gently to the sacred word - 4. At the end of the prayer period remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

The prayer period can be from 30 minutes to an hour, depending if you sign up for a space of time for the weekend.

Begin with an Opening Prayer

Begin your Prayer time (it would be good to set a timer for you to hear and to know when your prayer time as ended.)

At the end of the prayer period remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

Close with prayer (you can use the Come Holy Spirit prayer, the Lord's Prayer, a favorite Psalm or Scripture, or simply pray what God has placed on your heart!

In closing, I lift up an "Invitation to Love", a prayer from Thomas Keating:

The way of pure faith is to persevere in contemplative practice without worrying about where we are on the journey, and without comparing ourselves with others or judging others' gifts as better than ours. We can be spared all this nonsense if we surrender ourselves to the divine action, whatever the psychological content of our prayer may be. In pure faith, the results are often hidden from those who are growing the most ... The divine light of faith is totally available in the degree that we consent and surrender ourselves to its presence and action within. In Jesus name, Amen.

Current Via de Cristo/Cursillo Events for which you may pray:

May 9-12, 2019 Women's #84 (English/Japanese) in Okinawa, Japan

May 9-12, 2019 Men's Cursillo (Spanish) in Grand Rapids, Michigan

May 9-12, 2019 Women's #11 (Spanish) in Tipton, Indiana

VdC Prayer Chain is prayingforvdc@gmail.com or by phone at 419-884-1573. Vicky Sakala is Prayer Chain Cha.



Via de Cristo of Ohio is now on Facebook!

We hope you will "like" our new Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/viadecristooh>

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National Via de Cristo Website www.viadecristo.org

Kairos Website www.kairosohio.org

If you know someone from the Via de Cristo Community who has changed their street address or email address or telephone number, or does not get the VdCNewsletter but would like to, please send the new information to Newsletter Editor Nancy Martin at 419-886-4420 or vdsnewsletterohio@gmail.com or 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.

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Contact Lay Director Dave Lann with your interest in serving on Secretariat or to reach people in your area of Ohio to encourage them for Reunion Groups and Ultreyas. Secretariat meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month at different locations. You are welcome to attend. Contact Lay Direct Dave Lann for the place and time of each meeting