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Therefore encourage each other with these words.

**1 Thessalonians 4:18**

Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica encourages them and teaches them more about Christianity. The words he references in this verse speak about the coming of the Lord. Paul also speaks about the necessity to encourage one another in our journey with Christ.

**Opportunities to encourage one another in July and September!**  
**National Via de Cristo Annual Meeting at Lourdes University, July 21-24<sup>th</sup>** in Sylvania, Ohio (near Toledo). Prayer, palanca, serenade, and serving on the hosting team are all ways of encouragement. **But don't forget attending!** There is still plenty of room to make this meaningful pilgrimage to fellowship with other Christians from around the country.

**Clergy Experience # 2, at the Saint Paul and Peter Retreat Center, Newark, Ohio, September 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.** Prayer, serving on the team, written palanca, general palanca, and the serenade are all ways of encouragement, but how about **praying and inviting a member of the Clergy or an intern?**

There are over 2000 Christian brothers and sisters who have experienced Via de Cristo in Ohio. Via de Cristo commenced in Ohio some 35+ years ago with the desire to encourage Christians in their walks with the Lord. It encourages Christianized perseverance in the environments of our world and an emphasis on the home Parrish.

**If you haven't been involved for a while please come back; we miss you.**

Love,  
Butch Seeley  
(Men's # 28-1993)

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Secretariat meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. You are welcome to attend. Contact Lay Director Butch Seeley for the place and time of each meeting.

**God loves you and so do we!**

## *Ultreya News*

<p>Ultreyas in the Akron-Kent area of Ohio are often the third Saturday of a month, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kent, at 4:30 pm at 600 S. Water Street, and potluck will be included. For more information, please call Dave Lann, 330-296-6929, or Pr. Doug Fidler, 330-673-5445.</p>	<p>Cincinnati area Ultreyas are usually the first Saturday of each month at 4:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Healthy. Address is 1553 Kinney Avenue, Cincinnati 45231. For questions, please call Kevin Hoch, 513-931-8797.</p>	<p>Bellville Ultreya will be the second Sundays of January, April, July and October at 3:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church Street, Bellville 44813. Worship and Holy Communion are followed by Potluck, table service and drinks provided. Call Ken and Josie Riling with questions, 419-886-2437, or Paul and Vicky Sakala, 419-884-1573.</p>	<p>North Dayton Ultreyas are usually the third Saturdays of every month at 7pm at the United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd, Clayton, OH 45315. (Bring snack to share.) For questions, please call Wes Scoates at 937 533-7605.</p>
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### PALANCA: THE HEART AND LIFEBLOOD OF THE VIA DE CRISTO WEEKENDS!

You're invited to pray for the Pilgrims and Teams of these **UPCOMING WEEKENDS:**

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location	Send Email
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Women's 896	Phoenix, AZ	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Women's Cursillo No.2	Santa Rosa, California	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Women's 112 (Spanish)	ARQUIDIOCESIS DE OKLAHOMA	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Women's 160 (Spanish)	San Bernardino, CA	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Men's 71	Hawesville, KY	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Del Rio, Texas	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Men's 634 (Spanish)	Houston, Texas	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Men's 155	Brownsville, TX	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Men's 137 (Spanish)	San Jose, CA	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Women's 400	Santa Fe, NM	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/9/2016	6/12/2016	Men's Cursillo	Kwazulu Natal, South Africa	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>
6/10/2016	6/12/2016	Men's Cursillo de Cursillos 21	Mayagüez, Puerto Rico	<a href="#">Email Palanca</a>

Blessings,  
 Sherryl F. Patterson, VdC Ohio Secretariat Palanca Cha

**Clergy Experience #2 Set for Monday September 26 – Thursday 29, 2016**  
**At St. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark, OH**  
*Talk to a Pastor you know about it*



### **A Message from Secretariat Music Cha**

Maltbie D. Babcock was blessed with many gifts. He was an athlete, excelling in several sports. He was born into a wealthy and aristocratic family, and he was an outstanding scholar.

The Lord blessed him with one more thing - a heart for his Heavenly Father. He followed the Lord's humble call and became a pastor in a Presbyterian church in upstate New York. It was a beautiful area known as the "escarpment". He loved to walk through what he called, "my Father's world." In the distance, he could often see Lake Ontario.

Legend says that these walks are what inspired him to write "**This Is My Father's World**". The hymn, however, wasn't published in his lifetime. In 1901, at the age of 42, he set out on a tour of the Holy Land. During the Atlantic crossing, he contracted a bacterial infection and died at an international hospital.

After his death, his wife went through his papers and compiled them into the book "Thoughts for Everyday Living". That book contained this hymn. Frank L. Sheppard, an accomplished musician, set the words to an old English tune and published in 1915 in his book "Alleluia", a Presbyterian Sunday school book.

God Love You and So Do I,  
Jen Briner

*What is a story of faith you could share with others? (You don't have to write it perfectly—I can fix it if you like.) You know how you feel when you read the stories in the Newsletter. Help someone else to feel that way. Send your story by email to [vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or by US Mail to 4025 Andrews Rd., Bellville, 44813.*

## Some thoughts on Prayer from Martin Luther:

“Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth; help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart.”— Martin Luther

“All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired.” — Martin Luther

“Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon.”  
— Martin Luther

“The fewer the words, the better the prayer.” — Martin Luther

“Pray, and let God worry.” — Martin Luther

“I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.” — Martin Luther

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” —Martin Luther

“God is ready to give more quickly, and to give more than you ask; yea, he offers his treasures if we only take them. It is truly a great shame and a severe chastisement for us Christians that God should still upbraid us for our slothfulness in prayer, and that we fail to let such a rich and excellent promise incite us to pray.” – Martin Luther

“Prayer is a very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails.” – Martin Luther

“Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance. It is laying hold of His willingness.” — Martin Luther

“No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays, but He always comes.” — Martin Luther

VdC Prayer Chain is [prayingforvdc@gmail.com](mailto:prayingforvdc@gmail.com) or by phone at 419-884-1573

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 [vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or 419-886-4420 or 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.



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