



GOOD NEWS! Via de Cristo

OF SE MICHIGAN & NW OHIO

Our Mission: By Grace with the Holy Spirit, we challenge leaders to discover and achieve their personal calling, assisting them with a method for influencing their environments.

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Intent of the Via de Cristo

The Via de Cristo is a spiritual method for the renewal of Christian life. It is directed toward having the truth and the grace of Jesus Christ proclaimed to each participant. This is effected through the power and work of the Holy Spirit, for we believe that we can not by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ our Lord or come to Him, but the Holy Spirit calls us through the gospel, enlightens us with His gifts and sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith (see Luther's explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles Creed.). All activity during a Via de Cristo weekend whether it be that of the team member or the tasks performed by volunteer workers is done with the express intention of being a channel through which the Holy Spirit can work more effectively in the lives of the participants. The presence and work of the Holy Spirit is vital to every dimension of the Via de Cristo.

The Via de Cristo is not to be identifies with the Charismatic movement. The express use of the gifts of the Spirit or the active seeking of such gifts during a weekend is not

the intention. Rather, the purpose and intent is to provide a method whereby a participant can become increasingly equipped with the power of God's grace to be an effective member of the Body of Christ. Great care must be taken so as to keep the focus on what God has done for us through Jesus



Christ is counting on you...

Christ and what that means for his people. In every instance all glory and praise should be give to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the same way the Via de Cristo weekend is intended primarily for baptized individuals who already know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. It is true that the faith of many

people who have participated has been vitally renewed or awakened. But the intention is not to convert the participant but rather through the use of this method a participant is encouraged to persevere in the faith and to become an effective channel of God's grace to others. It is assumed that there already is a desire on the part of the participant to grow in faith and to become more intimately involved in his or her relationship with Jesus Christ. †



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