

The ROOSTER CROW

A Note from your 2022 Mens Rector Nick Magelee!!!

De Colores everyone! I am so excited to see how God has lined things up for the Pilgrims that are about to embark on their "first time" for the Via De Cristo weekend! I am sure that all of us remember how God worked in our first time too! My first time was back in 2013, when a group of men led me through an experience that has forever changed my life. This is the power that God puts in our hands again this year! God has been working to bring these particular men and women to IOLBC for VDC this year to hear God's word and experience real Christian Community, let's do our job of being God's hands and feet for the brothers and sisters in Christ so they are able to hear what God has for them in their first year.

This year, my wonderful wife, Heather, is the women's weekend rector which extends some benefits for us as we can share some things as we serve in this way together! This year's theme will be focused on Lighthouses. As I read Matthew 5:14-16 and try to relate it to today, I picture a visual of complete darkness. In this darkness are beacons of light shining, similar to cell phones lights shining during a particular song at a concert. However, this light is not their own, but simply a reflection of God's light. Each of these beacons of light represent another believer that God is using to light up the darkness. Jesus calls us to shine our light to the world so people can see our good works and give God the glory! God has placed each of us in our exact place at this exact time, let's reflect Christ to each other and the world!

Please prayerfully consider who God has put on your heart this year to invite to attend VDC. Remember it is always in God's timing, so just continue to offer up the simple invitation for those folks and let God do the rest. As a reminder, VDC is intended for those Christians that have a relationship with the Lord, but are looking for direction on what God is calling them to do for Him in their lives.

I invite you to pray for all involved. Pray for the Pilgrims, their families, their churches, their jobs, and their other relationships. Pray also for all of the Palanca that will be coming to serve this year. Pray for the kitchen teams and the amazing food they will be preparing and the music teams for the wonderful music they will be playing for the Pilgrims this year. Pray for the men and women that will be sharing God's word through their witness inside Grace Place through Rollo's given, discussions and artistry at the tables and their leadership of the Pilgrims throughout the weekend. Pray for the spiritual teams and the messages that God is using them to deliver for all of us!

I am completely humbled by God asking me to do this, but I understand that He has already done everything, He will ensure this year is exactly how it is supposed to be. I am just a tool, after all. All honor and Praise be to God for His work in our lives and in the Via De Cristo weekends!



Important Dates

Ultryea November 20th
@ Faith Lutheran from 2-4

Mens Weekend Jan 12-15

Womens Weekend Jan. 19-22

Set up Jan 8th 2-4

