



Quiri/Quiri

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From The Lay Director

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Every February, the Quiri takes this opportunity to let the Cum Christo Community know what's going on behind the scenes. Lay people, under the guidance of our Spiritual Directors, administer the structure of our movement, under the direction of the Bishop. The Lay Director works closely with the Spiritual Directors and Secretariat. Under Secretariat, we have Leaders' School that ensures the effectiveness of the movement. Secretariat also includes Pre Cum Christo, Weekend, Post Cum Christo, Music, Service, Kitchen, Communications, Treasurer and Secretary. We now have a Core Operating Group that oversees day-to-day administrative duties.

Cum Christo includes several ministries, which provide an opportunity for you to participate. These include: Palanca Coordinators, among other Fourth Day Movements; Liaison to Kairos Prison Ministry; Photography; name badges; art & environment; bulletin board maintenance; "Adopt a Zone" (cleaning and being responsible for an area of the center); sales items; brochures and luggage transport.

From The Service Section

Steve Cunningham M128 476-0724

The Service section sees to the care and maintenance of the Center.

Through the hard work of many, a new kitchen should be completed by mid-February, just after you receive this Quiri.

A committee has been formed to review the electrical, heating and air conditioning systems. The old heating boiler of the building has been included in the air conditioning plans at the recommendation of the Diocese. Plans are to have the heating and air conditioning completed by the end of the third quarter of 2002. A capital improvement fund-raising campaign is under consideration.

The annual Clean-up Day will be March 23, 2002, starting at 8:00 AM. We look forward to seeing many joyful hands to prepare our center.

From Leaders' School

Mark Pruse M98 844-6748

Leaders' School examines ways to improve and move Cum Christo forward, without changing the basic essence of the Movement.

Last April, we again enjoyed our Christian version "Seder Meal" followed by a full, scrumptious meal at the First Congregational Church. Put March 27, 2002, on your calendar for this year's Seder Meal. Reservations are limited to 150 people.

Last year, after years of service to the Cum Christo community, Don and Rita King M77/W67, Tom Long M110, John Peterson M97 and Terry Walsh M98 retired from Leaders' School.

Marialice Bennett W62, Roberta Franz M36, Rita Murphy-Kearns W108, Joe Petrelli M82, Martin Walker M60 and John Zuccaro M68 were prayerfully discerned and became members of Leaders' School. After serving a three-year term as Lay Director, Frank Jakob M57 remained on Leaders' School.

Twenty people attended Leaders' School Weekend Orientation last November. Weekend Orientations are scheduled for June 14th & 15th and November 1st & 2nd, 2002. Twenty candidates are needed for the June orientation. The by-laws require that we conduct at least one Weekend Orientation each year.

This past year, Leaders' School reviewed and updated the 4th Day Packet and approved the new study list compiled by Becca Schott W120.

This year, we're working on updating, reformatting and renaming the yellow book given to candidates on the weekend. There is a Leaders' School committee working on gaining the enthusiastic participation of Spiritual Directors.

On April 13th, Cum Christo, Secretariat, PUT, and Leaders' School will be participating in our annual leadership retreat at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church at Mill Run.

Leaders' School will continue to study ways to improve and move forward, without changing the basic essence of the Cum Christo Movement. We welcome and encourage input from the community and ask for your continued prayers and support. We are here to serve Our Lord.

From The Spiritual Directors

Father Tom Cadden M105 443-7545

Father Mike Reis M39 740-522-5270

Sister Loretta Forquer W14 759-1980

Deacon Dick Baumann M4 488-7238

Spiritual Directors guide the spiritual formation of this lay-led movement. A team of four Spiritual Directors serves in this capacity. Each Spiritual Director takes a turn attending the monthly Secretariat and Leaders' School meetings, leading the team commissioning services on weekends, and welcoming the Babe Chicks at closings. The Spiritual Directors share with Secretariat and Leaders' School the ongoing study of Cum Christo.

Spiritual Directors are working on revising the outlines for the weekend Rollos in an effort to make the language more relevant to the times and to add applicable suggestions for scripture references to be used in the talks.

From The Lay Director Emeritus

Frank Jakob M57 846-1919

The organizational elements of Cum Christo are simple. First of all, everyone who works within the movement is a *volunteer*.

The Lay Director is the individual empowered by the Bishop to direct the movement according to its By-Laws and Guidelines. Secretariat is the body that sees to Cum Christo's functioning. Decisions are made by the consensus of Secretariat. When lacking consensus, the Lay Director makes the final decision.

Secretariat consists of individuals who head up the various sections of the movement. Each section consists of its own teams of individuals who conduct the operational work of the movement as discussed elsewhere in this Quiri.

Last year Cum Christo created the "Core Operating Group," or COG, that sees to the nitty-gritty, day-to-day details of our operations. Until the late 1980's a diocesan employee did this.

When the Bishop challenged Cum Christo to become financially independent of the diocese, this became a volunteer administrator position.

Last year, due to the magnitude of the work, a team was formed to perform administrative responsibilities. COG connects to key functional sections of Secretariat: the Lay Director, Communications (Quiri newsletter and web page), Treasurer and Secretary. In addition, day-to-day details are assigned to individuals who themselves are responsible to have back-ups in case circumstances prevent them from doing their work.

Currently COG provides the following routine jobs, each assigned to a different individual:

- Picking up, sorting, delivering mail.
- Providing office functions such as phone, fax, voice mail, document filing and document printing services.
- Maintaining and generating mailing list and database reports, including contact information and team eligibility information.
- Processing weekend applications.
- Depositing sustaining fund donations, special directed donations and routine fee payments.
- Maintaining inventory and replenishing materials for the weekend such as application forms, brochures, guidebook/notebooks, service sheets/ grouping cards, crosses, Carnet cards, Serenade Sheets, Closing Sheets, and materials provided to candidates in "Fourth Day" packets.
- Coordinating exchange of Palanca with other Fourth Day movements in the Ohio area and around the world.

In addition, COG includes people who work on special, one time, ad hoc jobs. For instance, a team is currently working on the By-Laws and Guidelines of the movement, updating them to reflect current operating procedures.

The volunteers who work as part of COG offer both the joy and frustrations of these behind the scenes jobs as palanca... offered on behalf of the movement for furthering the kingdom of God through Jesus Christ.

From The Music Section

Kathy Harbold W40 539-0802

The Music section is an integral part of all Cum Christo weekends, Ultreyas and special functions. This section: 1) keeps a list of musicians in the community to be used for various functions, 2) trains and directs musicians in the role music plays during Ultreya and on weekends and 3) helps rector in selection of musicians eligible for a weekend.

Each year the Music section repairs and refurbishes the songbooks. In addition, we are making progress on our new songbooks, which should be ready this calendar year. If you have a favorite song you would like to have considered for inclusion in the Cum Christo Music, e-mail the title to kharbold@cdeducation.org.

From Pre Cum Christo
Tom Craft M61 488-6953

This section identifies and facilitates sponsorship of the natural leaders in our environments. Pre Cum Christo volunteers, also known as "church contacts," attend area churches and volunteer to visibly share the mission and method of Cum Christo within their respective churches. We believe such visibility energizes the Columbus community, informs others and provides the necessary foundation for the sponsorship of candidates.

Since the first Columbus Cursillo weekend in 1964 (renamed Cum Christo in 1982), thousands of candidates have been sponsored by former candidates affiliated with more than two hundred Catholic and Protestant churches throughout Ohio.

As many as fifty-seven Central Ohio churches have at one time or another been represented by a Cum Christo/Cursillo community volunteer, who functions to gain their pastor's support and to become an information resource for their church community. Working within the operational norms of their respective churches, these contacts provide brochures and other materials which explain the purpose of Cum Christo, the elements of a weekend and the dates of scheduled weekends.

Some prepare prayer petitions for candidates and others help organize potluck send-off dinners by enlisting the support of other Cursillistas within their church communities. Today forty-two Central Ohio churches are served in this manner.

Facilitating sponsorship of natural Christian leaders among our different environments is what we are all about. Our goal this year is to have at least fifty-seven area churches represented by a Cum Christo volunteer.

Is Christ counting on you? Pray about it. If you hear His voice say "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" (Is: 6,8); consider the prophet Isaiah's response: "Here I am Lord. Send Me!" (Is: 6,8) You will be blessed.

Early in 2002, a list of the churches in need of a Cum Christo "contact" volunteer will be announced in a letter mailed to Cum Christo members attending those churches. These positions will also be announced as service opportunities on the Cum Christo web site. In the meantime I ask that all Cursillistas pray that our needs be met according to the Lord's will.

From The Post Cum Christo Section
Sue Shetler W109 888-8765

Post Cum Christo is responsible for serving the Lord through leading the weekly Ultreyas and events such as Christmas in July, the Ultreyafest Picnic in August, the Fall Picnic for family and friends and the January Annual Dinner and Silent Auction.

The Permanent Ultreya Team, PUT, is a wonderful group... each member with a special gift from God to serve the Cum Christo community and to encourage and rejuvenate others persevering in their 4th day. It is a blessing to humbly serve our Lord and Savior.

PUT has an opening for membership and service. Would you be interested in taking an active part in Ultreya activities? We meet once a month at 7:00pm on the last Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in joining the PUT group, please contact Sue Shetler.

The monthly Ultreya teams need volunteers! Please search your heart, in prayer, for time that you could commit to the community on Wednesday evenings. Each month's Ultreya team builds their team by meeting on the Wednesdays prior to their chosen month. There are openings for His humble servants on the March, May, June and July teams.

Saturday night, January 26th, was a night when all the stars came out! The Annual Cum Christo Dinner and Silent Auction was a wonderful evening of friendship and fellowship! For the first time at the Annual Dinner, a Silent Auction was held, with over 117 items donated from the Cum Christo community. The evening came alive for 135 guests. Jan Brunton W100, Event Coordinator for PUT and her team of Steve and Hope Boring M118/W108, Jenny Held W121, Kathy Rex and Anita Long made the evening. Praise Jesus for HIS guidance in hosting an evening that was so enjoyable!

The Silent Auction raised \$2412, all of which will be donated to the Cum Christo Sustaining Fund.

Seder Meal

Wednesday, March 27, 2002
At First Congregational Church
Door Opens 6:00 PM, Meal 6:30 PM
Free Will Offering for the Meal

For Reservations:

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From The Weekend Section
Nancy Santoro W22 846-3518

The Weekend section deals directly with matters related to Cum Christo weekends. It is the responsibility of the Weekend Representative to coordinate the meetings for the discernment of rectors, to contact prospective rectors and to assist the rectors throughout team formation. This section is responsible for the selection of the churches for the closings and for meeting with and working with the closing couples.

The Weekend Representative participates in all weekend Commissioning Services and assures that feedback about each weekend is given at Leaders' School following each Cum Christo weekend.

The Rectors, Assistant Rectors and the Closing Churches for the year 2002 are:

- Men's 135th (April 18-21, 2002)
Joe Petrelli/Jack Frost
Closing: St. Timothy Catholic Church
(Closing Couple: Ken and Kathy Lutter)
- Women's 126th (May 16-19, 2002)
Judy Gibeaut/Jill McGregor
Closing: Upper Arlington Lutheran Church - Mill Run
(Closing Couple: Sam and Nancy Smith)
- Men's 136th (September 19-22, 2002)
Tom Dlusky/Tom Craft
Closing: Ascension Lutheran Church
(Closing Couple: Jim and Lisa Elliott)
- Women's 127th (October 17-20, 2002)
Kay Baumann/Jean Blubaugh
Closing: Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
(Closing Couple: Dan and Teresa Lau)

Weekend Dates and Rectors for 2003:

- Men's 137th March 6-9, 2003
Rector: Mike Agriesti
- Women's 128th April 3-6, 2003
Rector: Kathy Harbold
- Men's 138th September 18-21, 2003
Rector: Ted Sawyer
- Women's 129th October 23-26, 2003
Rector: Rita King

Your prayerful support and palanca for all of the teams while they are being discerned and while they are in formation are vitally important. Teams meet for at least 8 weeks and much PRAYER AND SACRIFICE (palanca) on the part of the community are needed. Your presence during the weekend at the serenade and closing are powerful expressions of love and support to the team and the Babe Chicks. Christ is Counting on YOU! Please also consider offering your assistance to the closing couples as they are identified in future Quiri's.

The Lord richly blessed us with four powerful weekends last year. The support of the community for weekends and the closings was evident to the Babe Chicks making the weekends. Many new leaders for Christ were called and responded with a joyful "Yes" to the Lord. Thanks to all who helped to do this important work for Christ!

This past year, a "Weekend Section - Operations Manual" was developed to assist future Weekend Representatives know and complete their assigned responsibilities. Leaders' School has a copy and the Weekend Representative has a copy.

Sukey DiCesare has accepted the call of the Lord to assume the Weekend Representative position on Secretariat starting after the spring weekends. Please keep her in your prayers as she begins this important work for the Lord.

I thank you for having had the opportunity to serve in this role during the past few years.

From The Kitchen Section
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The kitchen has been a very busy place in the Cum Christo community. Not only during weekends but also for many other events. Now it will become an even better, busier place when a new kitchen is unveiled in mid-February!

We are grateful for all those who shared the fun of attending to the needs of the team and candidates by day stewarding, cooking and cleaning. Using the website and email to recruit and sign up volunteers has been so much easier, especially when last minute changes were needed. So please consider this means of volunteering in the future.

This year saw a slight decline in Cursillistas who could find the time to help out in the kitchen. We are in need of at least 15-20 cooks/cleanup people and 6 day stewards each weekend. The work is not hard and training easy. Please consider these positions when doing palanca for the upcoming weekends. It should be especially nice in our new kitchen.

Another position open is housekeeper. Audrey Hicks W119 has done a wonderful job of cleaning bed linen, towels, curtains, etc. over the past couple of years. It would be an ideal job for a small group. Let me know if you can help.

From The Quiri/Quiri Editor

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The Quiri/Quiri is our community's main communication medium. It is published to keep the Cum Christo community informed of weekend activities and to communicate important messages. Last year, the Quiri was published before each of the weekends, plus this annual report issue and a mid-summer issue on basic Cum Christo/Cursillo topics.

The Quiri is fortunate to have a new editor Tom Rizzo M94, who will help create future Quiri's.

The Quiri is also available on-line at our web site, <http://www.cumchristo.org>, along with other pertinent and interesting information. We are blessed by an energetic web-servant in the earthly form of Phil Turner.

From The Secretary

Jenny Held W121 777-5580

The secretary records the minutes of the Secretariat meetings. Last year's minutes were recorded and distributed prior to or at each subsequent meeting, and by year's end via e-mail.

From The Treasurer

Tom Niedzielski M120 740-927-5787

Highlights of the Cum Christo Year 2001 Financial Report are:

- Year 2001 operating and weekend expenses decreased 12% from 2000.
- Comparable revenues, excluding the \$45,000 special grant, were down 12%.
- We end the year with an Account Balance of \$106,772.68. This is only through your generous donations in both monetary and services provided to the community.

You will see a lot of activity this year in upgrading the center. We will need your continued support to complete the projects already started and the new projects in the planning stages. Thank you to all and God Bless.

Cum Christo Annual Financial Report
Year 2000

Operations Expenses

Rent	\$1,200.00
Extermination	429.00
Utilities	9,523.24
Postage	1,976.31
Printing	2,122.44
Trash Removal	2,284.86
Bank Charges	109.51
Office Expenses	620.91
Sub Total	\$18,266.27

Weekend Expenses

Food & Beverage	\$10,404.53
Photographs	159.45
Miscellaneous	1,777.22
Events (Dinner, Seder, etc)	3,914.30
Sub Total	\$16,255.50

Maintenance Expenses

Repairs & Inspection Fees	\$196.64
Sub Total	\$196.64

Miscellaneous Expenses

Miscellaneous & Other	\$2,883.44
Sub Total	\$2,883.44

Total Expenses

\$37,601.85

Annual Revenues

Donations, (Weekend, Ultreya, Rentals, & Misc)	\$29,125.84
Sustaining Fund Deposits	19,272.00
Cum Christo Wish Account	70.00
Interest	3,891.31
Total Annual Revenues	\$52,359.15

Total Account Balances @ 12/31/01

Checking	\$5,059.98
Sustaining Fund	38,314.82
Wish Account	15,106.19
Parish Aid Fund	690.93
Maintenance Fund	47,600.76
Total balances 12/31/01	\$106,772.68

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HUGS AND PRAYERS

- For JoAnn Homan W120 and her family at the death of her mother on Dec. 26th.
- For Fr. Homer Blubaugh M28 and his family at the death of their mother on Dec. 30th.
- For Earl and Donna McCurry M133/W125 at the death of their son Matthew on December 27th.
- In Thanksgiving for the Babechicks of the Women's 125th Weekend.
- For the families of the victims of the terrorist attacks in NY, DC and PA.
- For our country's leaders as they face tough decisions of war and peace.
- In Thanksgiving for the Babechicks of the Men's 134th.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2002-2003 and UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKENDS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Wednesday 8:00 PM----	<i>Ultreya</i>
2/9/2002	Pre-Cum Christo Coordinators
3/23/2002	Spring Cleanup
3/27/2002	Seder Meal
4/13/2002	Leadership Retreat
6/14-15/2002	Weekend Orientation Training
7/20/2002	Christmas in July
8/7/2002	UltreyaFest Picnic
11/1-2/2002	Weekend Orientation Training
11/3/2002	Fall Picnic
12/18/2002	Yuletreya
1/25/2003	Annual Dinner/Silent Auction