



Quiri/Quiri

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From The Lay Director
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This past year has been a hard one for Cum Christo, but then the Lord's work is hard and, while hard, it is often fruitful. Solidly grounded candidates, active participation in training programs, people helping when needed, donations to provide scholarships for weekends, and grants for building upgrades are but a few of the blessings the Lord Jesus had for us last year. What's next?

In the first Quiri of each year we print our Annual Report. It is by those who head the various sections of Secretariat. Read and learn about what has happened and what will happen. Get excited about sponsoring well-adjusted, solidly grounded Christian leaders through the movement, and always remember the true ideal, living life in grace.

From Leaders' School
Mark Pruse M98 844-6748

Leaders' School studies the movement, and guides the implementation of efforts, to make it more effective. In this continuing effort, we seek effective ways to communicate Cum Christo to the community and beyond.

In the fall, twenty-six enthusiastic leaders completed the weekend orientation. This year's weekend orientation will be November 9-10, 2001.

Last spring, a full house of 150 attended and enjoyed the Christian version "Seder Meal" at First Congregational Church, followed by a real meal, and a short Holy Week program. Sign up as soon as possible for the next Seder Meal (April 11, 2001). Reservations are limited to the first 150.

At the leadership's spring retreat, we learned about bringing mentoring and training into our roles to develop the future leaders of the movement.

As the Leaders' School Team enters the Year 2001, efforts 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.

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 turns 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.

The spiritual directors have been 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.

COG (Cum Christo Operations Group)

After many years, almost a decade of dedicated, behind-the-scenes detailed service, the office administration position is being passed on. Actually there is so much work involved that a group of eight has been assembled to take on the many tasks that one individual has done so well for so long.

The transition has not been all that smooth because there is a lot to learn, and a lot of unwritten procedures for making Cum Christo

happen. Bear with us please as we learn and document our operations.

With defined roles and trained backup persons, we hope to build a more robust operating environment for our day-to-day operations: phone coverage, mail coverage, inquiries, application processing, donation processing, building scheduling, material procurement and replication, among dozens of other tasks.

Some changes are already in effect. We have our own Internet domain, www.cumchristo.org. There is a new phone number for the "office" with voice mail GO4-CHRIST (464-2474). Expect a transition from the fax-on-demand phone service to materials posted on the website and accessible from any computer, even those at the public library.

From Pre Cum Christo

Tom Craft M61 488-6953

The Pre Cum Christo section identifies and facilitates sponsorship of the natural leaders in our environments. A network of contacts at each church has been built to visibly share the mission and method of Cum Christo within that church. Visibility can energize the Columbus community, inform others, and provide support for the sponsorship of candidates.

Today, fifty-one churches in the Central Ohio area are represented. The volunteer "Church Contacts" work to gain their pastor's support and to be listed in their church directory as contact persons for Cum Christo. Working within the operational norms of their respective churches, contacts make information and materials available to their congregations and applications available to sponsors. They provide announcements and notices for bulletins. They encourage sponsors and other Cursillistas to send palanca, hold send-off potluck dinners, and share sponsorship ideas.

Eight "regional coordinators", with Leaders' School training, assist and advise church contacts. Regional coordinators are familiar with sponsor and candidate readiness guidelines, and other Cum Christo information. Twice each year, church contacts and regional coordinators come together to share ideas and to prayerfully support one another. The list of contacts and district coordinators is posted on the Cum Christo web site and on the bulletin board at the Center.

Does your church have a Cum Christo contact? Qualifications are: that you made a Cum Christo or other Fourth Day weekend, are willing to

attend Leaders' School at the next opportunity, and are able to serve as your church's contact for at least two years. Pray about it.

From The Music Section

Kathy Harbold W40 539-0802

The Music section is an integral part of all the 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 each rector in the selection of musicians eligible for a weekend.

Each year the Music section repairs and refurbishes the songbooks. In addition, we are committed to publishing an exciting, new, updated songbook.

From The Post Cum Christo Section

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Post Cum Christo is the leadership team supporting perseverance living the Fourth Day following the Cum Christo method. We are Christ's hands and feet at weekly Ultreyas and special events like Ultreyafest, Yuletreyas and the Fall Picnic. We thank God for the 25 Permanent Ultreya Team (PUT) leaders and the more than 70 volunteers, who served our community on monthly Ultreya teams in 2000, freely offering their spiritual gifts in support of our Cum Christo family.

During 2000, Post Cum Christo held an Ultreya Retreat to inform our team and community members about the "how" and "why" of our weekly gathering. All written procedures supporting Ultreyas were updated. We developed two new leadership positions: "Ultreya Coordinator" to coach and support Permanent Ultreya Team (PUT) members forming monthly Ultreya teams - the Ultreya Coordinator is Jenny Held W122. "Event Coordinator" to direct and support our special events - the Event Coordinator is Jan Brunton W109. Jan and Jenny are working with Jesus to serve our community.

If you are seeking a new group, we encourage you to attend Ultreyas, and post your name on the bulletin board or post on our website www.cumchristo.org by clicking on the "grouping" icon. In addition, the website offers a

quick link to do written palanca for Ultreya. This offering of sacrifice and prayer is the lever of our community.

Serving our community will be a special blessing for you. It is our hope that you consider serving on a monthly Ultreya team or joining PUT in 2001. On behalf of the entire Post Cum Christo team, we thank God for the opportunity to serve this community and pray that each of you continue to grow in grace as you live your 4th day. "May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance." 2 Thes 3:6.

Pre Cum Christo Contact Meeting
March 3, 2001, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the
Center Anyone interested may attend
RSVP to Tom Craft
By phone 488-6953 or email
crafty@msn.com

From The Weekend Section
Nancy Santoro W22 846-3518

The Weekend section deals with matters related to Cum Christo weekends. The weekend representative coordinates the discernment of rectors and assists the rectors, throughout team formation. This section selects the churches for closings and meets with and works with the closing couples. The weekend representative participates in team Commissioning Services and assures that feedback about each weekend is given at Leaders' School following each weekend.

The Rectors, Assistant Rectors and the Closing Churches for the year 2001 are:

- Men's 133rd (April 26-29, 2001)
Joe DiCesare/Jon Bennett
Closing: All Saints Lutheran Church
- Women's 124th (May 17-20, 2001)
Rosann Stickford/Margaret Bush
Closing: St. Peters Catholic Church
- Men's 134th (September 20-23, 2001)
George Blubaugh/Chris Warren
Closing: Our Lady of Victory
- Women's 125th (October 18-21, 2001)
Grace Neely/Peggy Bryant
Closing: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Your prayerful support and palanca for all of the teams while they are in formation are vitally important. Teams meet for at least 8 weeks. Much PRAYER AND SACRIFICE (palanca), on the part of the community, are needed during the time of preparation for each weekend. Your presence during the weekend at the serenade and closing are powerful signs to the team and the babe chicks of the support and love that are surrounding them. Christ is Counting on YOU! Please also consider offering your assistance to the closing couples as they are identified in future issues of the "Quiri/Quiri".

The Lord richly blessed us with four powerful weekends in 2000. 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!

From The Secretary
Debbie Bailey W109 764-0303

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 Kitchen Section
Terri Turner W101 740-964-0850
Ehugs211@aol.com

During the year 2000, the kitchen served the four Cum Christo weekends thanks to our many volunteer Cursillistas cooking, cleaning and praying. The kitchen also helped supply food for the Ultreyafest and the October picnic, as well as the memorial reception for Ed Lally.

This year's Day Steward School trained two new Day Stewards to lead the kitchen volunteers on the weekend meals.

Do you want to help in the kitchen for one of the upcoming Cum Christo weekends? Sign up in person, e-mail or by phone. Four to five weeks before each weekend Terri Turner will be at Ultreya to sign up in person. If you are not able to sign up in person at Ultreya, use e-mail Ehugs211@aol.com or call 740-964-0850 if e-mail is not available, to volunteer to work in the kitchen.

From The Quiri/Quiri Editor

Chris Warren M62 876-5920

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/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 also available on-line at our web site, <http://www.cumchristo.org>, along with other pertinent and interesting information. We are blessed to have a webservant, Phil Turner to maintain the web site.

Check the bulletin boards on the first floor of the center for other interesting information.

We have also tried to keep the broader Catholic community informed of Cum Christo activities through weekly announcements in the Catholic Times "Happening" Section.

Seder Meal

Wednesday, April 11, 2001

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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RAKing10@juno.com

Mark Pruse 844-6748

markpruse@yahoo.com

Education Group

Joe DiCesare M60 792-8030

The Leaders' School "Education Group", Mark Pruse, Judy Gibeaut, Ted Sawyer and Joe DiCesare, met throughout the past year. The task was to look for better communication methods to educate our own community and to see how we can educate the populace outside of the community about the movement. In the July 2000 Quiri, we described the work-plan of this group. Here is an update of what Leaders School is considering.

Within our own community:

- 1) Expand the Quiri with informative articles about the movement and provide more publications for self-study.
- 2) Use graduates of the weekend orientation program to expand the "invisible team" both on weekends and within the whole movement.
- 3) Expand Leaders' School and create task teams within Leaders' School to accomplish goals.
- 4) Use web site for teaching the basics.

For the general populace:

- 1) Establish teams to attract clergy into active participation.
- 2) Develop a new, more colorful and descriptive brochure.
- 3) Create a video / CD-ROM.
- 4) Explore community television outlets.
- 5) Create booth displays for parish gathering areas and staff with informed Cursillistas.
- 6) Have a section of the web site with content for inquiring minds, hearts and souls.
- 7) Write articles for the local newspapers and Catholic Times.

Leaders' School welcomes your prayers and comments. Contact us.

TRANSITIONS

As at Closings, we refrain from saying "thank you" to individuals because we believe it is the Lord who is blessing us. So here we thank the Lord for His blessings as individuals transition through leadership positions of the Cum Christo movement. It would be a Christian gesture to take the time to write a palanca note to these dedicated persons.

Tom Dlusky for many dedicated years on Leaders' School.

Terry Walsh for his monumental dedication to the day-to-day operations of the movement over the past decade.

Rita King for a dedicated term as head of Leaders' School.

THANKS

From The Service Section
Steve Cunningham M128 476-0724

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

Last year the team room was painted, and new carpet sweepers procured for clean-up days.

Thanks to a significant donation from a foundation that prefers to remain unpublicized, we are considering a long-needed electrical survey and upgrade of circuits in the building. Once accomplished, the grant will enable us to provide more effective and quieter air-conditioning on the second floor in the Rollo Room and Chapel.

The Annual Clean-Up Day will be March 24, 2001, at 8 AM; come early, come late, but come. We look forward to seeing many of you joyful workers (with your groups!) since many hands make light work.

And if he wrongs you seven times in one day
and returns to you seven times saying, 'I
am sorry,'
you should forgive him." (LK 17:4)

Frank Jakob, Lay Director

And so it is with Cum Christo, forgive us.

Last year many of you called on the phone, made inquiries, sent correspondence, and made donations. However some calls went un-returned, a few inquiries went un-answered, and several checks remain un-cashed.

As you can read elsewhere in this issue, action is being taken to remedy this situation. First and foremost the COG (Cum Christo Operations Group) is up and running. Second, we are taking action to see that each key position has a back-up person so that all are held accountable to the movement for their volunteer obligations. Third, we pray for the Lord's guidance and the community's perseverance.

Electronic Cum Christo Group

E-mail? E-commerce? How about E-movement?

The Ecumenical Cum Christo is now Electronic too! Join the Electronic Cum Christo Group for the prayer chain, action notices, and other important, timely information.

To sign up simply send an e-mail to:
webservant@cumchristo.org



<p>From The Treasurer <i>Tom Niedzielski M120 740-927-5787</i></p>
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Highlights of the Cum Christo Year 2000 Financial Report are:

- Year 2000 operating and weekend expenses decreased 5% from 1999.
- Donations including two very special grants, weekends, Ultreya, rentals and miscellaneous were up \$52,100 (100%) over 1999.
- We end the year with an Account Balance of \$92,015.38, \$62,062.09 more than last year, through the generous contributions of a grant to upgrade our building in 2001, as discussed earlier in the Service Section.

Expect a "Grand Challenge" for the Sustaining Fund in 2001 as a community response to the generosity of a few in 2000.

Find out about including Cum Christo in estate planning in the Summer 1999 issue of the Quiri. See the Cum Christo web site to view past issues of the Quiri.

Cum Christo Annual Financial Report Year 2000

Operations Expenses

Rent	\$1,200.00
Extermination	\$363.00
Utilities	\$7,791.43
Postage	\$3,520.91
Printing	\$3,764.01
Trash Removal	\$1,571.86
Bank Charges	\$453.12
Office Expenses	\$1,948.68
Sub Total	\$20,613.01

Weekend Expenses

Food Beverage	\$12,634.73
Photographs	\$371.25
Miscellaneous	\$1,487.25
Events (Dinner, Seder, etc)	\$3,401.84
Sub Total	\$17,895.07

Maintenance Expenses

Repairs & Inspection Fees	\$549.34
Sub Total	\$549.34

Miscellaneous Expenses

Chasuble/Stole & Other	\$3,676.96
Sub Total	\$3,676.96

Total Expenses

\$42,734.38

Annual Revenues

Donations, (Weekend, Ultreya, Rentals, & Misc).	\$36,126.40
Sustaining Fund Deposits	\$10,769.00
Cum Christo Wish Account	11,169.00
Special Grant	\$45,000.00
Interest	\$1,704.62
Total Annual Revenues	\$104,769.02

Total Account Balances @ 12/31/00

Checking	\$5,432.98
Sustaining Fund	\$25,985.58
Wish Account	\$14,883.64
Parish Aid Fund	\$651.58
Maintenance Fund	\$45,061.60
Total Balances 12/31/00	\$92,015.38

HUGS AND PRAYERS

- For the soul of Msgr. Steve Hawkins who passed on to his 5th Day February 15th.
- For the soul and family of Dorothymae Johns, wife of Charles M130 and mother of Mary Johns W16.
- For the health of Tom & Peggy Dlusky's M103/W93 daughter, Joni.
- For the soul of Hilda Perotti W29, who entered her 5th Day on February 4th.
- For the soul of Earlene Jeffries W15, who entered her 5th Day on December 29th.
- For the family of Rita Kearns (Florida Cursillo). Rita entered her 5th Day on December 4th.
- For the soul of Miriam Gibian (Cleveland Cursillo). She entered her 5th Day on Nov. 17th. For her husband Walt's (Cleveland Cursillo) sister Anita, recently diagnosed with colon cancer.
- For Father Leo Connally M85.
- In thanksgiving for the total healing of Georgianna Solomon W122.
- For the soul of and family of Mary Annen, mother of Mary Niedzielski's W110.
- For Msgr. J. Colby Grimes, who continues to heal from his fight with leukemia.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2001-2002 and UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKENDS

Men's 133 rd	April 26-29, 2001
Women's 124 th	May 17-20, 2001
Men's 134 th	Sept. 20-23, 2001
Women's 125 th	October 18-21, 2001
Men's 135 th	April 18-21, 2002
Women's 126 th	May 16-19, 2002
Men's 136 th	September 19-22, 2002
Women's 127 th	October 17-20, 2002

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Wednesday 8:00 PM----	<i>Ultreya</i>
3/3/2001	Pre-Cum Christo Coordinators
3/24/2001	Spring Cleanup
4/11/2001	Seder Dinner
7/21/2001	Christmas in July
8/15/2001	Ultreya fest
11/9-10/2001	Weekend Orientation
	Training
11/4/2001	Fall Picnic
12/19/2001	Ultreya fest

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