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An interfaith movement
designed to
help and support
Christian leaders
in their
daily walk
"With Christ"



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From Lay Director Sally Zuccaro /W58

A New Look for the New Year

As you can see, this New Year of 2003 brings with it a dramatic new look for the **Quiri/Quiri**.

Discussion of a possible makeover surfaced last Fall among members of Columbus Secretariat. There were suggestions that perhaps a new look would invite broader readership ... serve as a more useful communication vehicle ... and become more relevant to Cum Christo's overall spiritual mission.

The **Quiri**, mailed to all participants in Cum Christo, contains information and announcements about upcoming events as well as inspirational quotes, witness stories and other expressions of God's love.

Our main purpose was to update the look of the newsletter to appeal to Cum Christo's changing, expanding and diverse audience. We hope you like it!



The general focus of this issue of the **Quiri** is to give you a "behind the scenes" glimpse of the inner-workings of Cum Christo. Dozens of lay people, under the guidance of our Spiritual Directors—and direction of the Bishop—make a major commitment in administering the structure of the Cum Christo movement. As you will learn, there are numerous ministries, which offer different opportunities and welcome your participation.



"Puttin' On the Ritz," Cum Christo's annual dinner and silent auction, was a grand success. Sue Shetler says the silent auction raised nearly \$3,200—exceeding last year's donations of \$2,412.



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***Upcoming
Cum Christo
2003
Weekends***

- ▶ **Men's 137th -
Mar. 6-9**
- ▶ **Women's 128th -
Apr. 3-6**
- ▶ **Men's 138th -
Sept. 18-21**
- ▶ **Women's 129th
Oct. 23-26**



***Other
Community
Activities***

- ▶ **First Tuesday
Secretariat Meeting**
- ▶ **Third Tuesday
Leaders' School Meeting**
- ▶ **Last Wednesday
Post Cum Christo:
PUT (Permanent
Ultreya Team)**
- ▶ **February/September
Pre Cum Christo:
Church Contacts &
Regional Coordinators**

***Cum Christo Directory
Secretariat***

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Did You Know ?

Cum Christo is based on the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement, which was founded in Spain in 1947 and introduced in Columbus in 1964.

Cum Christo is led and supported primarily by adult lay Christians, with clergy and religious leaders as spiritual directors

Official leadership comes from the Bishop of the Columbus Catholic Diocese, with clergy and lay Christians from a number of Christian denominations offering their commitment, time, talent and participation in promoting Cum Christo in their local Christian community.

The intent of Cum Christo is to develop lay Christian leaders who will follow through on their Baptismal promises to lead faith filled lives.

In the U.S. in general, and in the Columbus Diocese especially, a vibrant, active laity is needed to continue the work Jesus chartered the apostles to do 2000 years ago.

Behind the Scenes. . .

Leaders School: From Mark Pruse /M98

Among the accomplishments by Leaders School last year was developing ways to improve the weekend without changing its essence. The changes will (1) allow more time for reading of General Palanca and (2) eliminate duplication to allow more time to get to the closing church earlier Sunday evening,--6:30.

"A Guide For the Journey" is the revised and renamed version of the weekend's Yellow Book. *The Order of the Catholic Mass* is included along with the *Raising of Consciousness* and prayers and meditations for Spiritual Enrichment in our Fourth Day.

Our Christian version of the Seder Meal was a success and filled us spiritually as well as physically. Members of the Cum Christo community prepared and served a delicious meal at the First Congregational Church on Broad Street.

Dr. James Keating spoke at our annual Leadership Retreat at the Church at Mill Run. In attendance were members of Cum Christo who are in Leadership roles within the community. We are considering a possible change here since we are all Leaders for Jesus Christ. Our next Leadership Retreat is slated for May 3rd—also at the Church at Mill Run; Father Raymond LaValle will be our speaker.

Our first Spiritual Directors Appreciation Dinner was a great success and, as a result, we hope to it an annual event .

Leaders School Weekend Orientation, last November, was filled to capacity. Members eager to become more involved were able to hear and learn more about the Cum Christo Movement. If you feel a calling to be active in Cum Christo, contact any member of Secretariat, Leaders School, PUT. We welcome and encourage participation from the community.



Cum Christo Songbook: From Frank Jakob /M57

Work on the third edition of the Cum Christo Songbook is underway and the first of several supplements will be introduced this year. Additional pages will follow periodically for publication in 2004. The new songbook will include most of the best-loved titles from the current songbook along with new, fresh selections.

Over 600 songs are being considered for the next edition—half of which will be used considering cost and space constraints. Comment on the possible song titles by clicking the "*Sing to the Lord*" link on the Cum Christo web page.

The first supplement will contain relevant titles from CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing Inc.), including praise music like "*Shout to the Lord*" (Darlene Zschech) and "*Shine Jesus Shine*" (Grahm Kendrick), and prayerful music like "*Sanctuary*" (John Thompson) and "*As Morning Breaks*" (John Michael Talbot).

Liturgical music will also be added from a broad range of publishers: GIA, OCP and WLP and Contemporary Christian music from individual publishers like "*We are Called*" (David Haas, GIA), "*Christ be Our Light*" (Bernadette Farrell, GIA), "*Gathered as One*" (Paul Tate, WLP), and "*Weave*" (Rosemary Crow).

The focus for content will be on music relevant to Weekend themes. However, there will be a secondary focus on music for Ultreya and Fourth Day events. Many titles will be newly written since the last edition was published. In addition, our CCLI license will allow us to add a page or two of brand new music each year, as songs are composed and published, keeping our singing fresh and new for a long time to come. So plan to attend Ultreya often and sing to the Lord a new song. De Colores!



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Sustaining Fund Reaches Goal

The 2002 Sustaining Fund topped its \$25,000 goal in December. A total of 253 gifts were received, totaling \$25,462. Of this amount, memorial donations accounted for \$1,880. These gifts were made in honor of weddings, births, and the lives of loved ones entering their 5th day. Overall, gifts averaged \$100, but ranged in size from \$5.00 to \$1,200.

As the one blessed with the opportunity to process these gifts, I was often taken by the sacrificial generosity of our community. Some sent a check every month. Many made multiple gifts during the year. Notes accompanying donations testified to the blessings lived out from the Cum Christo experience.

For me, opening this mail was much like opening the doors of the center for Serenade on an early Sunday morning. Hundreds of Cursillistas joyfully giving back to this movement so that others who follow will draw closer to Christ and live out the gospel in our many environments.

--Rebecca Schott/W120

Behind the Scenes...

Pre Cum Christo: From Tom Craft /M61

Pre Cum Christo volunteers identify and facilitate sponsorship of the natural leaders in our environments. A network of church contacts are in place to visibly share the mission and method of Cum Christo. Through such visibility, the central Ohio community is energized to inform others and provide support for the sponsorship of candidates.

Today, 43 central Ohio churches are represented by at least once contact. These contacts work hard to spread and work so our weekends are filled to capacity. And we are blessed to have them.

Last year's four weekends were nearly filled to capacity, but I am reminded that only a few years ago, we filled six weekends a year. In addition, there were 62 churches with Cum Christo contacts and scores of other churches providing candidates. As we move into this new year, I encourage each of us to prayerfully ask the question: "*What do you want from me, Lord?*"

On a personal note, I am grateful for all those who were sponsored during my term of service as well as for all the love and support provided tem by regional coordinators, church contacts, sponsors and the member of this community.

Starting this month, the mission of Pre Cum Christo will be entrusted to the able leadership of Milt Schott and Jan Brunton. I ask all of you to pray that they may know God's will for Pre Cum Christo and receive the grace and support to joyfully carry it out. De Colores!



Post Cum Christo: From Sue Shetler /W110

Post Cum Christo is responsible for 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.

Members of the Permanent Ultreya Team—PUT—use their special gift from God to serve the Cum Christo community and encourage and rejuvenate others who are persevering in their 4th day.

If you are interested in taking an active part in Ultreya activities, please contact me. 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 its team by meeting on the Wednesdays prior to their chosen month. There are openings for His humble servants on the upcoming teams.



Spiritual Directors

Spiritual Directors guide the spiritual foundation of this lay-led movement. A team of four Spiritual Directors services in this capacity—each taking a turn attending the monthly Secretariat and Leaders' School meetings and leading the team commissioning services on weekends. They also welcome the Babe Chicks at closings.

The Spiritual Directors are involved in developing 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.



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WEEKLY **ULTREYA**

*Ultreya starts promptly at 8 pm every Wednesday (unless otherwise posted) and lasts until 9 pm, with social time to follow. It is held at Holy Cross **Cursillo Center**, NE Corner of Rich St. and 5th St. Downtown*

Ultreya is designed to be a short, intense reunion experience available to Cursillistas. It offers people from different groups the opportunity to mix and share in the diverse experiences of the larger Christian community.

The witness talk is intended to inspire and encourage Cursillistas to be ever more faithful servants of Christ.

The Ultreya community is an ideal place for people without a group to find one.

Ultreya means "onward" and is meant to renew the Christian friendship and camaraderie we felt during our weekend and to strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Behind the Scenes...

Weekend Representative: From Sukey DiCesare /W48

Does anyone know how many people it takes to put on a weekend? For example, this past year, Rectors Joe Petrelli, Judy Gibeaut, Tom Dlusky and Kay Baumann chose Jack Frost, Jill McGregor, Tom Craft and Jean Blubaugh as assistant rectors. These leadership teams selected Spiritual Directors Rev. Charlie Cotton, Rev. Jim Long, Deacon John Rericha, Rev. Homer Blubaugh, Rev. Paul Ulring, Rev. Bonnie Frost, Rev. Tom Shonebarger, Rev. Mark Diemer, Deacon Pat Wiggins, Rev. Mike Reis and Rev. Donna Neidhardt to assist in the weekend experience.

There are sponsors who take responsibility for recruiting the candidates to participate. Applications are processed by Sandy Goggins. Russ Thibeaut and crew make the nametags. Or Sonny Beem, Steve Cunningham, John Peterson and others keep work tirelessly to keep the Center safe and clean.. Terri Turner oversees the kitchen and a four-person kitchen crew for each meal. A Day Steward makes sure dietary needs are met. Community members distribute Palanca provided Cursillistas. Steve Kelley takes the photo on Friday of the weekend and then Sandy Nicolson or Mary Tavner makes sure it gets into the 4th Day packets.

Music is a vital part of the weekend experience. Kathy Harbold and her people handle the fiesta, the serenade and the closing. Last year's closing couples were Ken and Kathy Lutter, Sam and Nancy Smith. Jim and Lisa Elliot and Dan and Teresa Lau. Each closing church requires help with set up, refreshments and clean-up. Tom Niedzielski arranges transporting babe chicks to the closing; Mark Shy handles the luggage.

And then there are those who visit the chapel or pray at home for the success of the weekend. The dates and other information about the weekends are communicated through the Quiri. For the computer savvy, Phil Turner keeps our web pages updated. And I can't forget PUT and the Ultreya teams who put together Guardian Angel and Babe Chicks nights. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me. For the answer to the question "*How many people does it take to put on a weekend*"—God only knows!



Kitchen: From Terri Turner /W101

We are now accepting names for Kitchen volunteers for the Spring 2003 Weekends. So please check your calendars—and your hearts—to see if you can free up a few hours to help support those who are making their Cum Christo Weekend.

You'll discover a more functional and attractive work area. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers last year, we have a new kitchen--beautiful new cabinets, a gorgeous ceramic tile floor, custom made counters and a triple sink.

The best feature—which we made use of last fall—was the air-conditioning. No more sweating! With more cabinets, there is more room for supplies and each drawer and cupboard is labeled, making it easier to locate and return items to their appropriate locations.

We have recently purchased new mats for the counter and sink area, which help backs from aching so much when preparing meals, as well as keeping the new tile looking better. There are still some finishing touches to be done, but it has been great working in the renovated surroundings.

Two new Day Stewards were trained this past year, but we could use several more help. Please let me know if you are interested. Although, the volunteers for the weekends were enthusiastic, we fell a little short of needed hands.



Highlights of the Cum Christo Year 2002 Financial Report are:

- + Year 2002 operating and weekend expenses increased 28% from 2001.
- + Water bills from 08/00 thru 11/01, \$1,667.20 were pd in 2002. In addition 2002 water totaling \$1,196.53 were also paid. The water bills for '00 & 01 were received in 2002.
- + Printing increased due to the printing of items used for multiple years (DeColores cards, guidebooks, letterhead, rector manuals, etc.)
- + In the last qtr of 2002 we increased our dumpsters from 1, 8yd to 1, 8yd & 1, 6yd dumpster to meet our trash needs.
- + Comparable revenues were up 8.6% from 2001.
- + We end the year with Account Balances totaling \$53,263.52. This is only through your generous donations in both monetary and services provided to the community.

The project for the Blinds was completed this year. Only minor items remain to complete the Kitchen Remodeling and Air Conditioning Projects.

Thank You to all and God Bless.

Operations Expenses

Rent	\$1,200.00
Extermination	390.92
Utilities	11,545.94
Postage	2,098.94
Printing	4,417.17
Trash Removal	2,899.41
Bank Charges	111.92
Office Expenses	757.46
Sub Total	\$23,421.76

Project Costs

Kitchen Remodeling	14,276.09
Blinds	1,470.90
Air Conditioning	46,261.00
Sub Total	\$62,007.99
Total Expenses	\$110,404.83

Weekend Expenses

Food & Beverage	\$7,327.92
Photographs	481.85
Micellaneous	1,100.88
Events (Dinner, Sedar, etc)	10,915.42
Sub Total	\$19,826.07

Annual Revenues

Donations, (Weekend, Ultreya, Rentals, & Misc	\$28,321.56
Sustaining Fund Deposits	23,832.00
Cum Christo Wish Account	2,180.00
Interest	2,562.11
Total Annual Revenues	\$56,895.67

Maintenance Expenses

Repairs & Inspection Fees	\$550.61
Supplies & Tools	\$791.20
Sub Total	\$1,341.81

Total Account Balances @ 12/31/02

Checking	\$10,777.49
Sustaining Fund	24,385.49
Wish Account	17,366.53
Parish Aid Fund	734.01
Maintenance Fund	0.00

Miscellaneous Expenses

Misc	972.57
Insurance	2,000.00
Kitchen Supplies	834.63
Sub Total	\$3,807.20

Total balances 12/31/02 \$53,263.52

Total Expenses \$48,396.84

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Hugs & Prayers...

- For the Teams of the Men's 137th and the Women's 128th as the members are chosen and they enter formation.
- For Karl "Sonny" Beem as he continues his fight against cancer.
- For Karen Rizzo as she continues her battle against cancer.
- For the Cum Christo leadership and those who perform jobs in the movement.
- HUGS to the Service Section and other community members who continue to give up their time for the kitchen and air conditioning projects at the Center.
- For our military personnel who are serving in lands far from home.
- For our country's leaders.
- In Thanksgiving for the Babechicks of the Men's 136th.
- In Thanksgiving for the Babechicks of the Women's 126th Weekend.