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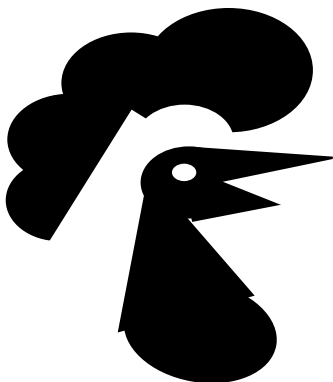
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An interfaith movement
designed to help and support
Christian leaders
in their daily walk
"With Christ"



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From Lay Director Sally Zuccaro / W58

A Good Reason to Celebrate!

Mark your calendars! Cum Christo is planning a celebration on Sunday, October 24, 2004, at 3 p.m., when our community will gather in Holy Cross Church to celebrate our movement's 40th anniversary.

We will begin with a praise service in the church, during which several Cursillistas will give witness to how the Lord has been working in their lives through the years.

We will give thanks for our many spiritual directors, for our lay directors and for all those who have sustained the movement with their prayers and support.

And most of all, we will give thanks to the Lord, our God, for all of the lives He has transformed through the Cursillo experience. This will be followed by a social in the adjacent Cum Christo Center.

Since 1964, our movement has been offering weekends at Holy Cross and at other locations throughout the Diocese. Now, all of us—from the 139 Men's weekends and the 130 Women's weekends—are called to remember and to give thanks.

For many of you, this is the first *Quiri* you have received in quite a while. We have made every effort to reach the thousands of Cursillistas who have made weekends in the Columbus Diocese.

In this issue, you will find reports from the many sections that keep our movement healthy and strong. We are proud of our history and pleased with the state of Cum Christo some 40 years hence.

An invitation for the October celebration will be mailed later this summer.

In the meantime, see Page 5 which you can tear out and post somewhere conspicuous as a reminder of the milestone event. And, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for this special occasion.



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Kitchen
&
Food

Terri Turner/W101

This year the kitchen crew has started serving the team and candidates at the tables for their meals and it has worked smoothly. Just keep in mind this is *their* weekend and we should not interrupt conversation or disrupt the retreat atmosphere.

For the past few weekends, the website and email have been my main source of getting kitchen help. It is a great and efficient way of signing up to cook. It is also nice for those who have a last minute emergency and need to cancel. I am able to quickly get a replacement using the prayer chain and website.

If you do not have computer access, you can still call 1-740 964 0850 to sign up to cook.

I have been getting more requests for weekend tables to cook. This is a great idea to continue bonding and renewing friendships from the weekend. However, I have been getting requests for 7-9 people, and I can *only* use 5-6 for a meal. If you could break up the group to two separate meals, this would help a great deal.

I am grateful to God for sending all the wonderful helpers each weekend. God bless.



Leader School . . . Joe Di Cesare / M060

Leaders' School is a team much like a weekend team, but whose apostolic action is the care of the whole Cum Christo movement. We *form*, or gather, on the third Tuesday of each month and begin with prayer and sharing.

This is primarily a *study* team because we study the movement. We along with rectors and weekend teams critique each weekend in our attempt to insure that we are creating an army of apostles—men and women excited to enter their different environments and let the Holy Spirit use them.

Our by-laws also commission Leaders' School to teach. Perhaps our primary tool for teaching is the Weekend Orientation program. This is where people who made a Cum Christo Weekend can learn about the history of the movement as well as the psychology and theology of the weekend. Weekend orientations are held on a Friday night and a Saturday morning. The casual gathering includes a series of talks and table discussions. Most of the talks are informational in nature, but provide a sense of what actually happens on those faithful three days we have all experienced. Staying overnight is optional.

Our next scheduled weekend orientation is in November. Those of you who have not attended this program within the past five years, should consider attending for a refresher. Hope to see you there.



Pre Cum Christo . . . Milt Schott / M129

Pre-Cum Christo is always evolving. For instance, new church contacts come on board and new churches join our Pre-Cum Christo network. We have some new regional coordinators. Mark Fleming is the new coordinator of District Three (North High Street) and Steve and Karen Kelley are taking over District Five (West Columbus).

Our movement is evolving too, as those of you who attended the *Day of Reflection* in January learned. As our community expands, some find it difficult to make it downtown for Ultreya. More and more, we are seeing groups of Cursillistas within individual churches forming connections at potlucks, palanca parties and among friends. Our church contacts encourage this activity. The more people are talking about Cum Christo, the more the good news about our movement will spread.

As a section, we are stepping up our efforts to increase awareness through advertising and promotion. Before each set of weekends, bulletin announcements are mailed to parishes and Protestant churches throughout the diocese and the central Ohio area. We advertise in the *Catholic Times* twice a year. The response from these efforts has resulted in more candidates for the weekends. Posters are distributed and new promotional display boards are being made available to church contacts for activity fairs and other gatherings.

This past Spring, the men's and women's weekends were both filled beyond capacity. These full weekends are the fruits of our labors. As we approach the Fall weekends, you will be seeing bulletin announcements and advertisements in the August issues of the *Catholic Times*. This would be a great time to be securing candidates for the upcoming weekends.

Christ is counting on each of us to redouble our efforts to be friends, make friends and bring friends to Christ.



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Operations

▶ **Secretariat** is the official, decision-making administrative body that oversees all Cum Christo activities in the Diocese of Columbus. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

▶ **Leaders School** is the parts of Secretariat responsible for studying and applying the fundamentals of the Cursillo Method at Cum Christo. Leader School Team meets the third Tuesday of each month.

▶ **Grouping** is the core activity used by Cum Christo and graduates of all Fourth Day programs to live their life in grace. Each week, they gather with a small group of like-minded individuals to pray and share their faith along the three dimensions of Piety, Study & Action.

If you are a member of Cum Christo and are looking for a group or have a vacancy in an existing group, please click on the Grouping page of the Cum Christo website to post your search:

<http://cumchristo.org/GroupCover.html>

Just select the appropriate link, complete the online card and "click here."

Weekend. . .Sukey Di Cesare / W048

It is difficult for me to believe that it has been 25 years since I made my Cum Christo weekend—August 1979. I am sure you still remember your weekend and the impact it had on your life. The structure of the weekend, of course, remains the same. But some of the logistics have changed. And it takes the Cum Christo community to make those logistics work.

- ❑ **Cell Phones.** Twenty-five years ago cell phones were not around. Although they are a convenience for many of us, others rely on them to keep connected to the world. On a Cum Christo weekend we are asked to put the world aside and focus on our brother Jesus. Candidates should leave cell phones at home. If your candidate needs to be in constant contact with home and business, perhaps this is not the best time for them to be making a weekend. Let them know that if there is an emergency they can use the phone at the Center.
- ❑ **Prayer Vigil.** Do you remember walking into the chapel and wondering whom the strangers were? This visible sign of the community at prayer for the weekend serves as a powerful image. Today, we still have a prayer vigil and encourage all people on the vigil list to come and be present in the chapel during their prayer hour. The Center is open from 7 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The only time not appropriate for community to be present in the chapel is during the chapel visits, which are between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon of the weekend. Please know that you are most welcome to come and pray in the chapel during your assigned vigil time.
- ❑ **Serving Meals.** I'll always remember the men who served Friday lunch. They were dressed in business attire, but had taken their jackets off and tucked their ties into their shirt pocket. These men took time from their business day to serve us. I kept thinking that there must be something to this "Cursillo thing" if these men would take time out of their busy day to serve me. Serving a meal is another way to visibly show the babe chicks a community that is here to support them through prayer and sacrifice.
- ❑ **Closing.** At one time, the community would gather an hour before closing for mass and would be waiting for the candidates when they arrived. When we became *Cum Christo*, this practice was stopped because now we were a community of many denominations. Today, our Rectors are encouraged to adjust the Sunday time schedule based on where the closing will be held. If it takes more than 15 minutes to get to the church they need to back up their schedule so that they can be to the closing on time. The rectors are doing their job and getting everyone to the closing at 6:20 p.m.—all ready to enter the church at 6:30 p.m. We ask that the Cum Christo Community arrive at the closing church by 6:15 p.m. The lay director will make announcements prior to the entrance of the candidates in order not to distract from the holiness of the closing. Who knows, if the church is full at 6:15 p.m., announcements made and the babe chicks ready to enter the church, may be we could begin early! A full church at the closing has a most powerful impact on the babe chicks. Our presence lets them know that they are not alone on their journey and that this community is there to support them during their 4th day.



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Cum Christo
2004-2005
Weekends

- ▶ **Men's 140th**
Sept. 16-19, 2004
- ▶ **Women's 131st**
Oct. 14-17, 2004
- ▶ **Men's 141st**
Mar. 10-13, 2005
- ▶ **Women's 132nd**
Apr. 21-24, 2005



Community
Activities

- ▶ **August 18th**
Ultreyafest (6:30 p.m.)
- ▶ **October 24th**
40th Anniversary (3 p.m.)
- ▶ **November 5 & 6**
Leaders School Weekend
- ▶ **December 18th**
Christmas for Seniors

→ **Every Wed. 7:30 p.m.**

Ultreyd

Guidelines For Sponsors: Terry Walsh/M98

1. Select appropriate candidates

Follow the candidate selection criteria: a baptized member of a mainstream Christian denomination, affirmed by their pastor, in good spiritual, emotional, physical, mental and moral condition capable of being a leader in their environment.

2. Explain the weekend

Explain the scope of the weekend in its entirety. Explain the purpose of the weekend and what goes on including—the talks, discussions, posters, the busy schedule, the abundant food, church services, community support, etc. You need not spoil surprises, but avoid secrecy and do not lie. Co-sign the application affirming you have done so.

3. Explain grouping

Be certain that the candidate has an understanding of what is meant by Group Reunion and explain they will be asked to commit to grouping after the weekend.

4. Clean the center

Come to the center for clean-up on both the Monday preceding and immediately following the weekend. If unable to show up, you must find a substitute.

5. Deliver your candidate

Bring your candidate to the center on Thursday night, help them find their beds, tour the building, and drop them off at the entrance to the lounge.

6. Do Palanca

Do General Palanca for all the candidates and team. Do Personal Palanca for your candidate. Write your candidate a letter informing them of the palanca. Mark your envelope "from sponsor." This personal palanca will be distributed Saturday afternoon.

7. Sing at the Serenade

Participate in the serenade on Sunday morning.

8. Attend the Closing

Come to the Closing on Sunday night. Afterward, take your candidate home and listen for reaction and feedback about the weekend.

9. Follow-up for one year

Sponsors commit to one year of nurturing their candidate. Help assimilate them into the community. Bring them to the initial three Ultreyas. Keep them coming for a year. Frequently come yourself.

10. Get your candidate grouping

Sponsors have the expressed obligation to get their candidate into a permanent group. This is not easy if you are inactive, so be active in a group yourself.



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Let It Shine



Cum Christo's 40th Anniversary Celebration

Come Celebrate With Us!

When: Sunday, October 24

What: Inspirational Service in Holy Cross Church

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Social Following Service

Where: The Cum Christo Center
244 East Rich Street

Fellowship, Food and Fun!

Come back to where it all began!

Save the Date!! Watch for your Invitation this Fall!

*For more information call: The Cum Christo Office @ 464-2474
or email Becca Schott at rbschott@columbus.rr.com*

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Fund Drive Response Overwhelming: Becca Schott /W120

I have the BEST volunteer job in Cum Christo! I am blessed by the fruits of your generosity through the processing of your monetary gifts to Cum Christo. For example, this spring, not long after the mailing of the Sustaining Fund appeal, I received a stack of return mail several inches high. It had seemed to me that the appeal had just gone out, when, here in return, were your generous and almost immediate responses! Already, gifts this calendar year total \$12,306.

As I opened each envelope, it was as though each was filled with your gratitude for God's abundant love. Gifts ranged in size from a one-dollar bill to more than one thousand dollars. Personal notes of gratitude for our movement were often tucked among the donations. Memorial gifts reflected your heart-felt love for God's children who have passed into their fifth day. And, many of you responded to our Christian action campaign to support our gifts to residents of Jaycee Arms and Nazareth Towers twice each year.

How often have you offered yourself in service, only to receive so much more in return? This community truly reflects God's love for each of us. Praise be to God for each of you.

CUM CHRISTO 2004 SUSTAINING FUND

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