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Christian leaders
in their daily walk
"With Christ"



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From Lay Director Sally Zuccaro /W58

Why Cum Christo Works

This summer edition is what we refer to as our "**Teaching Issue.**" You'll find information pertaining to various sections of Cum Christo.

Make an effort to set aside some time to read these articles, written by members of Leaders School, who offer their views on Cum Christo and why this movement works.

Spiritual Directors Appreciation Dinner

You are invited to be guests of the Cum Christo Community at: the 2nd Annual Spiritual Directors Appreciation Dinner.

When: September 9th

Where: Haimeral Center
Ascension Lutheran Church
1421 Morse Road

All Spiritual Directors are to be guests of the Cum Christo community. The Cum Christo Lay community is invited to attend. (Suggested Contribution: \$15 per person)



Ultreyafest

Wednesday, August 6, 2002 @ 6:30 p.m.

Cursillo Center Parking Lot

Meat, soft drinks, paper products provided.

Covered dishes and desserts are:

A-Q: Covered Dish/Entrée

P-Z: Desserts

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Family □ Friends □ Neighbors □ Prospective Candidates

Help make Ultreyafest a success by lending your help.

Contact Jan Brunton at 614-717-9043 or e-mail

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Leader
School
Roster

- Dick Bauman
- Elaine Beem
- Fr. Tom Cadden
- Tom Corroto
- Chuck Curtis
- Joe DiCesare
- Peggy Dlusky
- Sr. Loretta Forquher
- Roberta Franz
- Sandy Goggins
- Judy Gibeaut
- Frank Jakob
- Rita Kearns
- Joe Meyer
- Joe Petrelli
- Mark Pruse
- Fr. Michael Reis
- Ted Sawyers
- Martin Walker
- John Zuccaro
- Sally Zuccaro



Keep the Goal Before Us: Martin Walker/ M60

The goal of our Cum Christo grouping is the sharing of our life in grace with a small group of close friends on a weekly basis.

Since we are active people and involved in many environments, our grouping can become a discussion group of items not directly related to our life in grace—or we can drift onto topics that are interesting to us but are not strictly group subjects.

If your group has drifted into this mode, you may want to ask the group to *refocus* your time together. Ask yourselves:

- **Are your expectations from group on target?**
- **What is our purpose?**
- **Are you a Cum Christo group?**

The key to getting back on track is to revisit what *group* is all about, as defined by the Cum Christo movement:

*“To bring us closer to Jesus and to realize what living in Christian Community is about. To love Him more (**Piety**), to know Him better (**Study**), to serve Him (**Action**) and to be His instrument for change in the world. To hear and experience other group members successes and failures in their life of grace”.*

You arrived at group prepared after giving some thought about what has happened in your life this week in the areas of piety (holiness), study (formation) or action (evangelization).

A former spiritual director used to start group by asking, *“How has Jesus been messing around in your life this week?”*

One of the awakenings I received from my weekend was that Jesus is “messing around” in my life all the time—but I fail to be watching for Him.

Keeping the goal of grouping in mind takes work for all, but it is worth it!



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Weekend Reminders

▶ **Sunday Serenade**

Begins promptly at 6 a.m. Please don't bring children. For those interested, breakfast at TeeJay's on Dublin Road following Serenade.

▶ **Sponsors**

Please remember your commitment to "pre" & "Post" Cum Christo weekend clean-up. Cleaning begins at 7 p.m. on the Monday before and the Monday following the weekend.

▶ **Kitchen & Food**

To volunteer as a Day Steward or to help prepare a meal, please call Terri Turner 740-964-0850 or e-mail her at terri@philandterri.net If you are neither a spouse, nor the spouse or family of a team member or candidate on the Weekend, consider helping for a few hours.

***Where's Your Guardian Angel?* Rita Kearns/ W108**

A few years ago, I was trying to escape from a gloomy mood when a stranger approached and handed me beautiful stained glass angel. I was shocked and just stared at the gift in awe. When I finally recovered and went to look for her, she was gone. That stranger had a serious impact on my life—she was a guardian angel.

Each Cum Christo weekend, there are many guardian angels at work making the weekend unique. To understand the real purpose of a guardian angel on the weekend, you must understand the meaning of Palanca. Palanca is not a love note, but a message of prayer and sacrifice.

The Ultreya prior to a weekend is *Guardian Angel Night*. Before walking into chapel, you'll be asked to pick a candidate's or team member's name. As their guardian angel you are asked to pray for them throughout the weekend and to offer up Palanca. Whatever the sacrifice made, it must be wrapped in prayer. Palanca, for example, would include performing extra chores, saying additional prayers, or writing a note you've been delaying to a friend you

One of the most important responsibilities of a guardian angel is to write a letter to the person you chose on Guardian Angel Night. In the note, describe the Palanca and prayer. On the face of the envelope put the candidate's name and the words *Guardian Angel* in the lower right hand corner.

The letter should be at the Center, preferably Friday, but no later than Saturday at 10:00 a.m. The letter is distributed during the one clock chapel visit. If the letter cannot be delivered to the Center in time, please don't select a name on Guardian Angel Night. But your prayers and Palanca will still work for the good of the weekend.

Being a guardian angel is a privilege.

It helps us focus on sacrifice through prayer and surrenders us to God's love and power. Hopefully, you will consider being a Guardian Angel and choose a name at Ultreya on September 17th for the Men's 138th Weekend, and again on October 22nd for the Women's 129th Weekend.

Christ is counting on you.



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Cum Christo
2003-2004
Weekends

- ▶ **Men's 138th -**
Sept. 18-21
- ▶ **Women's 129th -**
Oct. 23-26
- ▶ **Men's 139th -**
Mar. 11-14, 2004
- ▶ **Women's 130th**
Apr. 22-25, 2004
- ▶ **Men's 140th**
Sept. 16-19, 2004
- ▶ **Women's 131th**
Oct. 14-17, 2004



Community
Activities

- ▶ **August 6th**
UltreyaFest
- ▶ **November 2nd**
Fall Picnic
- ▶ **November 14 & 15**
Leaders School Weekend
- ▶ **December 20th**
Christmas for Seniors

→ **Every Wed. 8 p.m.** ←

Ultreya

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 that 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. After it take your candidate home. Listen to them.

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.



Serving the Candidates Family Style: Terri Turner/W101

There is a change in the way the Team and Babe Chicks are served at meals on the Weekends. The kitchen volunteers will serve the tables *family style*. While the change should be fun, volunteers must refrain from idly chatting with the Team and candidates. Keep in mind: this is God's time and our role is to take care of the needs of those we serve. I am looking forward to this change.

A meeting to update all Day Stewards on this and other changes is scheduled at the Cum Christo Center on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30. If you are presently a Day Steward—or would like to join the ranks—it is important to attend this meeting. Please e-mail (terri@philandterri.net) or phone (614-946-4418) me whether or not you can attend;

Cooking for weekends is wonderful Palanca. Offering time to serve the participants shows the new babe chicks the love of the community. Please consider volunteering for the upcoming weekends. Calling ahead for groups helps insure getting the meals you prefer. Things to remember when signing up: 1) those who have candidates or immediate family members (spouses, parents, children) cannot work in the kitchen. 2) Please make a note of the time you have signed up for and be there! If you cannot come for any reason, please call me or the center to advise the Day Steward know of your absence.

Day Stewards are very important to the weekends. They direct the kitchen volunteers in their duties of cooking, serving and cleaning during meals. The rector keeps in touch with the Day Steward through the Guardian Angels as to meal changes and other notices to keep the weekend moving smoothly. Many of our Day Stewards have been doing the job for awhile and are showing signs of wear & tear; we are in need of Day Stewards.



The Magic of the Vigil List: Chris Warren/M62

Has your name ever magically appeared on the Vigil List for a weekend? Did you get assigned for 3 a.m.? Well, Christ chose that time for you. Either you (and your spouse) were selected from a database of Cursillista who receive the Quiri—or you are a new Babe Chick who was assigned after your weekend. If you are a sponsor on that weekend or on the team and you should not have been on the Vigil List, please find a substitute.

Once you are on the Vigil List, what do you do? PRAY... Pray for the candidates. Pray for the team. Where? If at all possible between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., in the Center Chapel, *even if the candidates are present* (except for Saturday between 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. during Table Visits).

There is something special about praying in the Chapel during the weekend when you can hear the weekend going on while you pray. Your presence is also a great physical witness of the prayer support being lifted up for the weekend.

Do you want to be on the Vigil List but your name never appears? You are! Even if your name does not appear on the Vigil List, you are encouraged to go to the Center Chapel and pray.



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Sustaining Fund On the Move: Becca Schott /W120

The spirit of giving is very much alive and well in our Cum Christo community. Each month, I open a stack of envelopes filled with Sustaining Fund and Memorial gifts. Often, testimonies accompany the contributions and I marvel at the number of individuals who care so deeply about Cum Christo. Donations range from \$5 to over \$500 and come Babe Chicks and Cursillistas who made their weekends decades ago. They honor loved ones who passed on to their 5th day and celebrate life's milestones. Gifts come from ordained and lay, from grandparents and grandchildren.

The 2003 Sustaining Fund now totals \$13,918—more than half way to our annual goal of \$25,000. Our budget is modest. This is the amount required to fund our annual operational needs for this all-volunteer movement. If you have not yet made a sustaining fund contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so. As in all things, Christ is counting on us. The pledge form below is for your convenience.

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