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From the Lay Directors

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Fellow Cum Christo Brothers and Sisters,

Isn't the Cum Christo Movement awesome? Remember your weekend, how blessed it was and how close to Christ you all felt? How close you were to your fellow brothers or sisters? Most importantly how almost perfect your weekend was? How more than merely human it was? The team was so Spirit-filled and worked together so well just like Christ's disciples that we all discovered love. Everything was near perfect and because of that you come back to enjoy and be fed since your weekend. Your Cum Christo weekend during which you built a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ was probably a benchmark in your Christian journey through life as was ours.

As a Christian community we all need to remember that each weekend is Christ-filled. The people who make up the team are called by God Himself. The rector and assistant rector prayerfully discern team members and then submit those names to the Cum Christo leadership for approval. We need to trust their discernment and judgments as Christ-filled. For example, it doesn't matter that a team is all female with no male guardian angels. We believe that that team is called by Christ. Then each team very prayerfully forms over an eight week period to become Christ's instruments to the new candidates. Team members bond and share their gifts and talents during team formation. No one is any better than anyone else, all are equal but different, sharing different God-given talents and gifts. Then comes the weekend during which the team and leaders share Christ with the candidates, each with their unique gifts and talents meant for those candidates. How utterly awesome and powerful

As the weekend forms and the team does Christ's work, let's keep in mind who is in charge. We may not always agree with the earthly persons in charge, but remember that God and the Holy Spirit put each team together to accomplish His work on earth for that particular weekend and for that particular set of candidates. DeColores

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The mission of Cum Christo is to bring Christians together in an ecumenical environment that renews their relationship with Jesus Christ and motivates them to grow as disciples of Jesus in their churches, their everyday life and other places where God leads them.

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Spiritual Director

Farther Charlie Cotton, M83



Summertime...

It's hard to believe that Memorial Day is here and gone already. Somehow the cool, damp and rainy weather of spring is still here instead of the warm and sunny days of summer. School is coming to a quick close and many will graduate this weekend after Memorial Day. We celebrate the end of one season and the new beginning of another or the close of one chapter in one's life or education to only begin another.

Summertime is a new beginning. It means warm sunny days and off to the pool or water park or amusement park. It means planning for the vacation since last year. It's a special time for families to get together and enjoy time together. That surely might take a different turn this year because of the price of oil and therefore the effect it will have on the vacation we might have taken. Many are taking another look at to where vacation might be, probably a few miles closer to home to help save on cost of gas or flying. For many kids it will be a time not to have to answer to alarms or parents yelling, "Get up," and being able to simply to sleep in and get up whenever.

By this time many have all their flowers planted and mulched and the flower beds are looking pretty nice. Now all that needs to be done is the watering and weeding of those beds. But you know, sometime those jobs can be moments of quietness and reflection. As the beds develop and the flowers are blooming, we can give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. But as we also look at the beauty of our creation let us not forget who truly is the author of all creation as well as our own creation, our God.

Summertime is a time that things often are a little slower, less hectic and there are few or no meetings that have to be attended. This happens within the school or community involvements but also within our parishes and congregations. As we might find time to slow down and be able to put our feet up and take a breather from the daily grind of life, it doesn't mean that we still are not invited to celebrate the gift of God each day but more importantly to celebrate each week with our church community to give praise and thanks to our God. This may be through finding our place in the sun or under a shady tree that we might continue our reflections using our daily meditation. Maybe for some this means getting up earlier and going to one of the parks in your neighborhood and walking the path on a cool yet sunny warm morning. This is something we can do alone or with our spouse or kids or a friend or our faithful companion, our dog.

I guess I'm just trying to say, enjoy your summer. Take time for yourself as well as with your family or friends. Enjoy the freedom you might have during the summertime, but let us not forget the glory and beauty of our God. Remember our faith is not just a nine months job with three months off. Our Christian life, as witness and in praise, is a twelve months, twenty-four seven. Remember: "Christ is counting on you. And I on Him." Let us remember this call and response during our, Summertime.....

Post Cum Christo

Mary Tracy, W92

Welcome to our newest babe chicks! As is says in “Let there be Peace” – “With God as our Father, family all are we”. As you continue your journey with Christ in your 4th day, I pray that your Cum Christo family is a constant source of support and guidance. As you return to Ultreya time and again, you will experience the unity and love that is our community.



The most important step upon returning to your environments is finding your group. Joining in activities and events and attending Ultreya can be a way of finding a group and you can post your name on the board in the entryway or on the website.

I would encourage all of you to prayerfully consider taking an active roll in the movement. There are several ways of becoming involved: working on an Ultreya team by signing up on the “big board” at Ultreya; volunteering for one or more of the events; working in the kitchen during a weekend to name a few. When you complete the Weekend Orientation in the fall, you will be eligible to join PUT (Permanent Ultreya Team) and can then lead the monthly Ultreya.

We have a worthwhile new event scheduled for July 19th. We will be collecting household and personal items and/or cash donations for the Homeless Family Foundation. We will be gathering the items prior to the 19th and distributing them on that date. This is a family event – bring the gang!!
(see flyer on page 7)

Ultreyafest, our annual picnic, is scheduled for Wed., August 13th. (more information on page 6) Again, this is a family affair and more info will follow. Our annual Christmas in July gift giving for the seniors in the Jaycee Arms will be in Dec.

We are a busy community and as such, rely on volunteers to achieve our goals. We are the hands and feet of Christ and are called upon to be servants. It is for HIM and through HIM that we exist.

You are in my prayers and I ask for your prayers in return.
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Music Ministry

Tami Robbins W 100

“Let the Godly sing with joy to the Lord, for it is fitting to praise him. Praise the Lord with melodies on the lyre; make music for him on the ten stringed harp. Sing new songs of praise to him; play skillfully on the harp and sing with joy.” Psalm 33: 1-3

Wow, this is what music ministry is about. It is why we are here: to love and serve the Lord, and yes...Praise him! One beautiful way to shout out his praises is with song. Many people are called to praise and worship the Lord through the gift of music. This is my calling along with many others in the Cum Christo movement
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Music Cont.

There are opportunities to serve the Lord in many ways, one of which is music. We can play music for weekends; Fiestas, Serenades; and closings. Ultreyas offer us weekly possibilities to “make a joyful noise for the Lord”. Special occasions such as the Spiritual Directors dinner, Day of Reflection and Seder meal also need musicians to add to the spirit of prayer. We are also asked to play for DeColores services, occasionally.



We welcome new musicians to join us in any of these endeavors. Ultreya is a wonderful place to start if you are new, or if you just haven't played in a while. Typically, we have a more seasoned musician playing every Wednesday; and they practice 30-45 minutes prior to Ultreya. Don't forget, we have the new keyboards! I am hoping we are going to wear them out!!! It is a wonderful way to slowly work your way into musical action for Jesus. You don't need to call anyone, just come and make beautiful music with us.

I look forward to seeing some new faces along with some inactive folks and of course our dedicated regulars! Music is so important in Cum Christo; it touches our hearts.

“Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King! Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the earth and all living things join in. Let the rivers clap their hands in glee! Let the hills sing out their songs of joy before the Lord.” Psalm 98: 6-9

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HUGS & PRAYERS



Remember: You can send an e-prayer to the Cum Christo Prayer chain @ <http://www.cumchristo.org>

WE GIVE THANKS

FOR NEW BEGINNINGS
ANSWERED PRAYERS
HEALTH AND WELLNESS
FOR THE BLESSINGS IN OUR LIVES
OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
FOR OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS
FOR CLOSE MOMENTS

WE LIFT UP

THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS
OUR CHILDREN
THOSE IN THE MILITARY
THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE UNDEREMPLOYED
THOSE STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGE
FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Leaders School

Jim Kearns, M 111

At a recent critique of a Cum Christo weekend, it was shared that there were criticisms that the team was all male. Some members of the community objected to a lack of female guardian angels.



The guidelines of the movement do not dictate the gender of the guardian angels. The rectors discern through prayerful enlightenment which way to go.

Consider this: the weekend is in the hands of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit decides the make-up of the team, not the rector.

I spoke with a spiritual director that has been on a single-gender team and a mixed-gender team. He loved them both. He saw benefits both ways. There were no detriments either way.

The purpose of a team is to serve 28 candidates on a weekend. The team formation is critical to this end. When a team forms we must remember, again, that this is the Holy Spirit's team. If the rectors do their job, the formation creates a Christian community of love. The team becomes like those in the upper room on Pentecost – being enlightened by the Holy Spirit. The team forms, sharing life's experiences, sharing piety, study and action; living a life in grace with and for each other.

I believe if either a single-gender or mixed-gender team serves a weekend then that is the chosen team that would make the greatest impact on the candidates. If the Spirit needs a single-gender team, it will happen. Please accept that candidates are nurtured by the Holy Spirit through the team, no matter what the team's make-up.

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Environment

Cliff Glowacki, M 88

Usually we act differently depending on the environment we are in. When we are with other Cursillistas we can be ourselves because we know that we will be accepted and loved no matter how dirty and muddy we really are. This is a comfortable environment with lots of warm fuzzies but it can also lead us into the trap of only wanting to associate with other Christians. We need the support of this community through group reunion and ultreya to do the job we are called to do when we get out into the rest of the world, even though we know that we will run into a lot of cold prickles.

It is important not to cut off relationships with old friends just because we have experienced a Cum Christo weekend and have changed. This is an opportunity to plan to evangelize that environment by being an example and nurturing awareness in those old friends of what God's love is about. Jesus did not spend all his time with the believers, but went to the non-believers. He went to all kinds of people, many of whom you and I would hesitate to talk to. Many times we pre-judge people as to their relationship with our Lord -- think about your friends and co-workers, have you judged any of them and avoided them because of what you see above the water line?

Through Cum Christo, God dragged me into prison. Both Julie and I were called to be part of the Kairos prison ministry. As many of you know, Kairos is Cum Christo inside the walls of medium to maximum security prisons. Obviously there have to be a few modifications in the schedule for that environment, but the weekends are true to the Cum Christo Method. When the selected inmates arrive for the weekend on Thursday afternoon everything you see is "above the water line", but with the added "don't mess with me, I'm a bad dude" attitude that many prisoners adopt. I learned in that environment not to try to impose my human limits on God. I learned that I was only there to plant a seed, to walk the talk. Once the seed was planted, it was God's job to make it grow and complete the evangelization of the place. I also learned that by our example we were evangelizing the prison staff, making the entire facility more Christian.

Welcome
Babe Chicks

Men's 146

Joe Briski
Tom Burke
Buck Byrne
Joe Cleary
Dan DiCesare
Mike Depaola
Price Finley
Tony Gilletly
Mike Kelley
Barry Klump
Frank Martens
Michael Meyer

Jerry Nieman
Michael Meyer
Jerry Nieman
Theodore Pinkins
Gerry Riendeau
Tom Schulte
Mike Thiergartner
Tom Wagner
Chris Warren
Pete Welsh
Tom Yatsko



Women's 138

Teri Booher
Cassy Burke
Anna Carter
Patti Carter
Freda Cedillo
Patsy Davis
Jenna Gettings
Martha Groenwoud
Patty Hauck
Jini Hushak
Hildegard Kamazima
Denise Londergan
Patty Lorms
Karen Martens

Dianne McMillan
Christine Murphy
Jane Nieman
Jane Powhida
Audrey Redmon
Mary Alice Shields
Dee Shomo
Ginny Sickmeier
Robin Stone
Kelly Such
Camille Warren
Kimberly Colston Woodruff
Patsy Wuebold
Margie Yatsko

ULTREYAFEST

Wednesday, August 13th 6:30 -9:00pm in parking lot of the Cum Christo Center

Family and Friends are welcome!

There will be games for the kids!

Sonny and his crew will be frying fish and grilling hot dogs and brats

Please join us and bring something to share for dinner:

Those with the last name that begins with

A-M bring a side dish

N-Z bring a desert

VOLUNTEERS are needed!

Please email Sue Shetler to volunteer .

sshettler@acncolumbus.com

Set-up volunteers needed at 4:30

Kitchen help is needed from 5:00 to 9:00...in 30 minute shifts.

Clean-up in the kitchen is needed from 6:30pm to 9:00...in 30 minute shifts.

Please call and leave a message at 771-6830 to volunteer. Thank you...Christ is counting on you!





Christmas in July for
Homeless Families Foundation

www.Homelessfamiliesfoundation.org

Homeless Families Foundation is a family shelter providing shelter and support for families; tutoring & enrichment programs for homeless and at-risk age children.

On Saturday, July 19, at 9:00 am at the Cum Christo Center....we'll pack up 200 "starter kits" for each of the families that request help from the Foundation

We need your help....for donations....for packing up the items... for delivering items to the Foundation headquarters on West Broad Street

Donations needed; Children needs:

Diapers (all sizes) and Wipes
School supplies-backpacks, paper, pens etc.

Family needs:

Gift Certificates: Kroger, Wal-Mart \$5/\$10/\$20
Alarm clocks-electric
Shampoo/conditioner / Bar Soap/ towels/ body lotion
Brushes/combs / toothbrushes/ toothpaste
Twin size sheets, pillowcases, crib sheets
NEW scarves, gloves, mittens, winter hats

Apartment Setup-new items

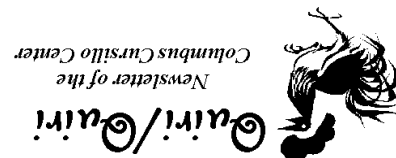
Pots / pans
Kitchen towels
Cups/plates/silverware
13 gallon trash cans and liners

Items need to be at the Center by Wednesday, July 16.

For questions please call Sue Shetler @ 771-6830 or Jennv Held @ 777-5580

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Cum Christo Dates

Ultreya - Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

July 19, 2008
Christmas for Seniors

August 13, 2008
Ultreya-fest

September 18-21, 2008
Men's 147th Weekend

October 16-19, 2008
Women's 139th Weekend

November 14-15, 2008
Leaders School Orientation

March 12 – 15, 2009
Men's 148th Weekend

April 23-26, 2009
Women's 140th Weekend

September 17-20, 2009
Men's 149th Weekend

October 15-18, 2009
Women's 141st Weekend

