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Columbus Cum Christo

Quiri Quiri

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Every Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Dates & Rectors of Future Weekends

Men's 154th: Oct 3-6, 2013

Rector: Tim Galvin

Women's 149th: Nov 7-10, 2013

Rector: Shelby Fleck

Men's 155th: Mar 13-16, 2014

Rector: Jerry Abraham

Women's 150th: April 3-6, 2014

Rector: Susan Willeke

Men's 156th: October 9-12, 2014

Rector: Mark Shy

Women's 151st: Nov 13-16, 2014

Rector: Colleen Barta

Mission Statement

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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From the Lay Directors

Cliff Glowacki M88 , Julie Glowacki W79

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We start this article with a few "save the date" reminders. The annual **Ultreyafest**, our outdoor picnic in our parking lot, will be held on Wednesday, August 21. Our head chef, Sonny, will feed us royally on his famous fried fish, bratwurst, and hot dogs. This is a potluck picnic, with the side dishes and desserts provided by the Cum Christo community. More information will come later. Also, our **Spiritual Directors Appreciation Dinner** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at the Carvello Center of St. Charles Preparatory School. At this dinner we honor those priests, ministers, deacons and religious who have so generously served our movement on our weekends, Days of Reflection, team commissioning services, and many other services too numerous to mention here. The next **Weekend Orientation** will be offered the first weekend in November, on Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 1st and 2nd. This presents a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the movement (or refresh your memory, if you haven't attended one in a while) and a chance to meet some of your Cum Christo leaders. We hope to see you at all three of these important events!

We offer our congratulations and prayerful gratitude to Father Charlie Cotton, the head of our Spiritual Directors Team, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. May God bless him richly for his many years of service to the Church and to the Cum Christo Community!

We find that our weekends have not been paying for themselves, due to the lower numbers of attendees, so we will probably find it necessary to increase (by a modest amount) the cost to attend starting in 2014. As in the past, we will try to provide "scholarship" funding for those who truly are unable to pay, and whose sponsors are unable to help them financially.

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From the Lay Directors (cont'd):

Please continue to hold in prayer the rectors and teams for the upcoming fall weekends. Rectors Tim Galvin and Shelby Fleck are in the final stages of forming their teams and will begin team formation shortly. Also, so very importantly, please, please continue to identify and approach potential candidates for these weekends, and prayerfully consider sponsorship.

We are excited to announce that 2014 is the 50th Anniversary of our beloved Cum Christo Movement. As with any Golden Anniversary, we want to make this anniversary a very memorable, and indeed a year-long, occasion. We are asking for your input and special celebratory ideas. Also, many helping hands will be needed, so please contact us with your areas of interest and offers of help. We are in the process of forming a steering committee to start planning – (it is definitely not too early!) – and will need willing hearts, minds, and hands to make this special year happen.

The Summer issue of the Quiri Quiri has traditionally been considered a “teaching” issue. We hope that you will find the following articles submitted by our various section leaders to be informative and interesting. We ask you to pay particular attention to the article entitled “We need your input” and to respond with your thoughts/insights.

And finally, a thought as we enter into the golden months of summer: God is the sunlight of our souls. Just as we draw light and warmth and strength from walking in the sun, so also will we draw the light of wisdom, the warmth of charity, and the energy to do good and evangelize, if we but keep ourselves in the presence of God and walk in His way!

De Colores, and may God bless us all.

Leaders School

Jerry Abraham M138

What is “*Leader School*”?

We are a mini-Cum Christo Community representing you, our larger Community. At every meeting on the third Tuesday of the month we challenge each other to be the best Christian person we can be as we raise and attempt to resolve issues facing Cum Christo. At the meetings, we talk about our weekends and how to guide them to maintain the purpose and spirit of Cum Christo - *to bring all to Christ and motivate all to persevere, to live an authentic Christian life, and to grow as disciples of Jesus in their churches, their everyday lives, and all places God leads them.* We talk about Rector training that we call Rector School and how we can help those rectors God calls to lead a weekend be Christian role models for the team and candidates. We organize and prepare weekend orientation sessions by focusing on you and how we can prepare you for team roles or leadership positions or how we can help you be more knowledgeable about Cum Christo and our Cum Christo Family. We think about you and what Leader School should be doing to encourage your spirit and enthusiasm for Jesus. We consider and pray for ways to bring this spirit to Cum Christo leadership, to our community events, and to our weekends through your sponsorship of new candidates who become better leaders in their environments that include our Cum Christo community.

All this Leader School talking, preparing and solving are truly about you and for you. Because we know that God talks to each of us through others, we welcome and need your inputs to guide us and hold us accountable for the spirit of Cum Christo. We in Leader School are always praying and learning and completing actions that we hope will give glory to God and grow His loving family called Cum Christo.

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“We need your input”

We bring to your attention and ask for your feelings and comments on a subject that is being discussed in Leaders School. The subject concerns candidate weekend attendance. Historically, Cum Christo has had a Guideline commonly referred to as the Couples Rule. This rule was based on the Cursillo goal to renew the spirituality of men. It was felt in Cursillo that men tend to be less spiritual than their wives and less adaptable to the changes that may occur in their wives who attend a weekend first. Wives however were felt to be better able to accept and adjust to changes in their husbands. The Couples Rule states that “a married woman may not apply unless her husband has already made a weekend, or unless they are submitting their applications jointly in which case the husband must still be scheduled to make his weekend first”. Another longstanding Guideline allows for an exemption to the Couples Rule. It states “If a wife is being sponsored whose husband has not and will not make a weekend,” the Lay Director may grant an exemption so the wife may attend a weekend. The Couples Rule was temporarily suspended as a pilot program in January 2005 to allow wives to attend without their husbands also submitting an application. In 2010, Leaders School formed a subcommittee to study the effects of this pilot program. The subcommittee compiled candidate statistics for Men’s and Women’s weekends from the fall of 2001 through this year’s spring weekends. The data shows:

- The average number of men attending a weekend decreased from 25 in the 2001-2005 period to 15 in the 2006-2012 period.
- The average number of women attending a weekend remained fairly stable with 27 in the 2001-2005 period and 24 in the 2006-2012 period.
- The average number of married couples attending a weekend decreased by 50% (12 to 6) between the 2001-2005 and 2006-2012 periods.
- The number of husbands attending a weekend decreased from 100% during the 2001-2005 period to 49% during the 2006-2012 period.
- Finally, 4 Men’s weekends were canceled due to a lack of candidates. All had fewer than 10 candidates by the application deadline.

The subcommittee recommended to Leaders School that the pilot program exemption be eliminated and that we return to our historical Couples Rule *with the change that either can attend a weekend first as long as both applications are received at the same time.*

We ask that you prayerfully consider this issue and the information presented and send us your feelings and comments so that Leaders School will have your input on this important issue. Contact us at laydirectors@cumchristo.org.

Pre Cum Christo

God called us to our Cum Christo weekend through another Cursillista who had previously made a weekend. It was God’s all encompassing grace and love that caused us to accept this calling or gift. This gift of the weekend, the Cum Christo method, and this great movement of Christian people has been with us ever since. Many of us have felt a responsibility to share this gift with others, and by doing so to help others grow in their own relationship with Christ. When we share this gift with others, we do so in a very structured way through the process of Sponsorship.

Sponsoring candidates for Cum Christo is made up of three very important elements. They can be defined as Pre-Cum Christo, the Weekend, and Post-Cum Christo. Pre-Cum Christo includes the prayerful selection of an appropriate candidate, explaining the weekend, grouping and Ultreya to the candidate, cleaning the center, and delivering your

Pre Cum Christo (cont'd):

candidate to the center on Thursday evening. All of this is preceded by a growing, Christ-centered relationship and prayer for this potential Cursillista. The Weekend activities are centered on providing support for the candidate and their family during the weekend. This includes palanca (prayer and sacrifice) for the benefit of your candidate. It also includes attendance at Serenade and the closing. Post-Cum Christo sponsorship responsibilities are of utmost importance. Beginning with a ride home from the closing, they include cleaning the center on the Monday after the weekend, attending Ultraya with your new babe chick for the first three weeks following the weekend, helping your candidate find a group, and providing support for their first year as a babe chick. Your relationship, in Christ, can grow immensely now that you share a common method and understanding of your Christian faith.

So, have you freely accepted this gift of the weekend, the method and the movement? Do you feel a sense of responsibility to share this gift with other Christian leaders? If so, continue to pray that God will reveal those who are ready for Cum Christo. And when you are called, respond with a gift of your own by accepting the responsibilities of sponsorship!

Weekend Section

Susan Willeke W106

The Weekend Section joins the Cum Christo community in welcoming the Babe Chicks from the Spring Women's Weekend! Judy Cable and Kathy Hodges led this joyful weekend with Fr. Leo Connolly, Rev. Bonnie Gerber, and Deacon Tony Bonacci serving as Spiritual Directors. We praise God for their servant-hood and leadership on this wonderful weekend!

Please keep the Fall Rectors and Assistant Rectors in your prayers as they prepare for the upcoming weekends. The Men's weekend will be led by Tim Galvin and Steve Stroh and the Women's by Shelby Fleck and Nancy Rich. We also ask you to pray without ceasing in determining whom the Holy Spirit would have you sponsor this fall! As you approach potential candidates, please remind them that the weekend is neither a silent retreat nor an opportunity for much quiet time. With the exception of the "retreat phase" on Thursday evening, the weekend is filled with activities, discussion and group dynamics. We want to make sure that candidates arriving for the weekend have realistic expectations so they can fully embrace the gift of the weekend as they get to know Jesus better.

Another item to cover in prayer is the Rector Discernment for the 2015 Weekends which will take place this summer. Please pray for the Cum Christo leadership as they pray over this important process.

Finally, I wanted to offer a quick reminder about serving on a kitchen crew during a Cum Christo weekend. Most of us are aware that spouses of team members may not serve on kitchen crews during the weekend. However, a recent amendment to the Guidelines clarifies that group mates of team members are welcomed and encouraged to serve on kitchen crews during the weekend. However, those group mates should not identify themselves to candidates in any way other than the rest of the crew: name, weekend, table name. And as tempting as it is to give your group-mate a big hug or offer words of encouragement, especially as the meal ends and people are filing out of the kitchen, remember the "no contact" rule. The team is working hard to build community during the weekend. Outside contact can break that community. We ask candidates to sever communication with loved ones during the weekend; as team members and members of the kitchen crew, we must do the same.

May God bless the upcoming weekends and all the candidates this blessed Movement will provide to the teams to nurture and love into a closer walk with our Savior who lives and reigns!

Treasurer

Cheryl Brown W124

Have you ever paid for something towards a Cum Christo event in the past and rather than turn in the receipt decided to just make it a donation to Cum Christo? That is **Awesome!** However, from an accounting standpoint it has become very difficult to plan for and to know what to expect for expenses of our events since ***“only the shadow knows” totally what is being spent.***

We are taking a new direction by trying to determine the true cost of all events which Cum Christo offers. In order to accomplish this task, we need **EVERYONE’S** help to turn in receipts for anything they purchase so that a record is created of all our expenses.

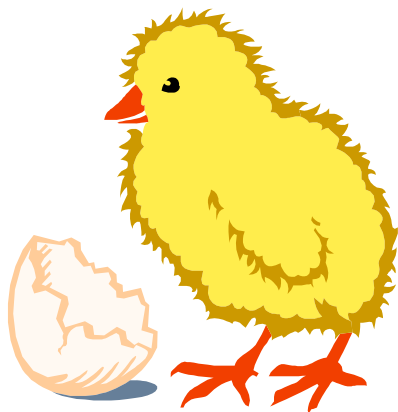
If you would prefer to be reimbursed for any expense, then a copy of the receipt as well as what the item was used for needs to be sent to our treasurer. Be sure to include your current address, so that a reimbursement check may be sent to you, and a phone number in case our treasurer needs to contact with you.

If you would prefer to NOT be reimbursed for the expense, a **copy of the receipt** should **still** be sent so that we have an idea of what we are using in the Cum Christo Center as well as what each event’s true needs have become.

By doing this, we will be able to develop a budget that realistically mirrors all the current expenses for Cum Christo events and assist with planning of events for the coming year.

As a reminder, if you have not signed up for the Kroger Points Reward – now is the time. By signing up, Cum Christo receives quarterly 1% of what is being spent at Kroger’s of those registered. Best part is that registering does not affect your Gas Points! Go to www.kroger.com to register.

Receipts may be forwarded to Cheryl Brown: via email at cherylbrown547@gmail.com or by mailing them to Cum Christo, PO Box 16372, Columbus Ohio 43216.



Welcome to the Babe Chicks of the Women’s 14th

Rita Alexander, Jennifer Doucher, Lisa Ferguson, Phyllis Guyer,
Marti Henry, Barb Jackson, Bonnie LaFleur, Dinah Morgan,
Beth Morrison, Kirsten Normann, Marise Petry, Alyssa Robinson,
Lorraine Rossi-Sharon, Veda Ryan, Karen Salliotte, Judy Stein,
Carol Weiss and Valerie Ziringer

We **celebrate** the life of **Sister Loretta Forquer** who recently entered her 5th Day.

Sister Loretta made the Women’s 14th and was dedicated servant of the Cum Christo Movement, having served as a member of the Spiritual Directors Team, and she also served on many weekend teams.

She will be greatly missed – may she rest in peace with the Risen Lord!

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We lift our prayers in Thanksgiving

For new beginnings - For answered prayers - For health and wellness - For family and friends
For the blessing of close moments - For the freedom to worship as we choose –
For opportunities to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We Lift UP

A prayer for peace in our world - All those in positions of leadership
Those who have died and their loved ones,
Those suffering from illness or accidents - Those in the military, and their families –
The unemployed and under-employed - Those with no-one to pray for them
The unborn - Our children
Those discerning a religious life - For our priests, pastors and all religious.