



August 2005 Edition

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*Columbus CumChristo
- An interfaith movement designed
to help and support Christian leaders
in their daily walk "With Christ".*

Please feel free to contribute articles to the Quiri. All articles are subject to space and approval.

Please include your name and the weekend you attended with the article.

Articles may be emailed to sbe@columbus.rr.com or mailed to Stacey Bergmann, c/o CumChristo Center, P.O. Box, 163712, Columbus, OH 43216.

Deadline for the next Quiri printing is Sunday, September 4, 2005.

A Message From the Lay Director

Joe Di Cesare, M60

Stacey Bergmann, our wonderful editor, tells me I need to contribute a "teaching" article this edition. I say "nah"! What can I teach? What do I know well enough to teach? I could explain structure within our movement and how things function, but I suspect most of you know the basics if not all the specifics. Lay director may sound like a fancy title, but I am discovering I know less about the nuts and bolts of our movement than many, and I find my main job besides being guardian of our web site is to come early to meetings and start the coffee.

There is a need to talk about money in our movement, but I loathe it so I asked my wife to do that job, and she graciously agreed. She is an expert on the subject.

There are more than enough very good articles in this edition that discuss good sponsorship of candidates and functions of different sections of the movement like weekend, music, pre and post Cum Christo or Leaders School.

It seems to me I would be more effective as a teacher if I could tell a story, so please indulge me.

About 15 to 20 years ago our parishes were commissioned to start programs of spiritual renewal within our own parishes. Somehow I was invited to an opening session where we discussed how to proceed. As I was driving to that meeting I considered what it was that had made Cursillo or Cum Christo so much a part of my life. It came surprisingly easy to my mind, so that I was able to contribute at that meeting and this is what I said: Start a program and call it whatever! Renew, Emmaus, Cursillo, Christ Renews His Parish; no matter what the name it needs to have these three main characteristics:

1. Jesus is at the center of all said and done!
2. The program is structured to involve ever expanding circles of people – circles that are inclusive and not exclusive.
3. The program must be fun!

Does this sound familiar? I hope so. If not we are not doing a complete job.

To me, perhaps the most important part of Stacey's e-mail after the list of articles received and not received (mine was late as usual) was her closing remark – "I have also accumulated 145 hugs and prayers." Amen and Amen

**“To whom much is given,
much is expected”.**

Sukey Di Cesare, W48

In the past several weeks I have attended business trainings, Sunday Mass, listened to CDs and the radio, and over and over again this passage has been repeated. God knows He needs to bombard me with something before I really hear it. “To whom much is given, much is expected!” We in Cum Christo continually give of ourselves because that is what the movement is all about. We live within the many environments in which God has placed us and give the grace God has given to us to all whom we meet. We help build His kingdom because He has given so much to us and we just want to give back. I am always amazed (you’d think I’d grow used to it) how when I am doing God’s work, I have no expectations except to bring Him glory; yet, my heart grows 100 fold with the joy that God gives me when I am working for Him.

Cum Christo has had the prayer chain for many years now. If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be, just go to the web site www.CumChristo.org and sign up. This is a wonderful place to lift up our needs and thanksgivings to the Lord and receive support from our Community. Mary Johns (W16) brought to Secretariat’s attention the need to do more than just pray for each other. Mary not only brought it to our attention, but agreed to get it started. In this *Quiri* you will read about what Mary has started and how you can participate. The Cum Christo Outreach is just for Cursillistas. This is our opportunity to be the hands, feet, arms and ears for Christ. Sometimes people need a “God with skin on,” and we can be that person.

“To whom much is given, much is expected” can also mean that we need to give of our financial gifts too. Your support of the Sustain-

A SPIRITUAL DAY OF REFRESHMENT

Let all who thirst.. come to the water.

Reverend Scott Marier will lead us on a spiritual journey to the Oasis and we will experience the Lord in a fresh way.

You don't want to miss this day!!
Mark your calendars now!!

When: Saturday, January 28'th 2006

Where: Upper Arlington Lutheran Church

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Register on line at: http://www.cumchristo.org/Day_Of_Refreshment/RSVP_form.html

Email Peggy Dlusky at tdlusky@aol.com for further information or call her at 785-1799.

“As Iron Sharpens Iron so one man sharpens another”

Experience the Fellowship of your Brothers and Sisters in Cum Christo. Expect the Holy Spirit to illuminate your heart.

ing Fund is needed to continue the movement on an on-going basis. We were blessed to have received a grant to replace the windows at the Center, but were not as fortunate when we asked for a fire escape and a chair lift. We need your help to keep this beautiful old building in good and safe condition. The Cum Christo Outreach Program may need assistance to help with food, clothing or shelter for our fellow Cursillistas who may not have a group to help them through a difficult time. Christmas in July and our Christmas Giving to the seniors in our area are greatly appreciated by them. We need your help to keep those smiles on their beautiful faces.

I ask all of us to pray about our financial gift this year to Cum Christo. After you have determined what you are going to contribute to the Sustaining Fund, I ask you to consider an extra gift to Christmas In July and/or Christmas at the JC Arms and/or to Cursillistas’ Outreach. These gifts can be designated to the specific fund.

May God continue to bless you as you go about building up His Kingdom. DeColores

Weekend Representative

Judy Gibeaut, W37

Have you ever wondered how the Rectors are chosen and how they then “learn” how to use that huge blue notebook that becomes a much thinner red book for the actual weekend?

This is the time of year that all of this begins to happen and here are the answers to these questions.

The discernment of Rectors is done two years ahead of the actual weekend they will be serving as Rector. This is a fairly new decision as an answer to a problem we have had for years. Getting Spiritual Directors has always been a challenge and after input from our Spiritual Directors it was decided that we need to choose Rectors very early so that they in turn could contact Spiritual Directors at least a year or more ahead of their weekend. At this point in time it has been somewhat more helpful but continues to be a challenge.

This past July the Lay Director (Joe Di Cesare), a Spiritual Director (Father Cotton), Pre-Cum Christo (Jerry Abraham), Leaders School (Elaine Beem), Post Cum Christo (Jenny Held), and the Weekend Representative (Judy Gibeaut) met to discern the Rectors for 2007. This happens after several weeks of mighty prayer over the eligible names. We will then meet and pray, vote, pray, vote etc. until we agree as to whom God is calling to be His co-worker in leading His Cum Christo weekends.

To be eligible one must not have been a Rector in the past 6 years. God has allowed us to want new/fresh leaders. One must have served on a minimum of 2-3 weekends, not including Guardian Angel roles, and preferably served as an Assistant Rector. Leading a weekend with God really calls for experience in the “process” of the weekend as well as leadership skills. You who have participated in the Weekend Orientation really understand what this means.

Then comes Rector School. This is held in August or early September for



The Gift of Sponsorship

Tom Corroto, M126

When we were called to our Cum Christo weekend, God did so through another Cursillista who had previously made a weekend. We accepted this calling or gift just as we accept His ever-flowing grace. This

gift of the weekend, the method and this great movement of people has been with us ever since. Many of us have accepted this gift and used it for the Glory of God. Others have felt a responsibility to share this gift with others. When we share this gift with others, we do so in a very structured way through a process of sponsoring candidates.

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 selection of an appropriate candidate, explaining the weekend, grouping and Ultreya to the candidate, cleaning the center and delivering your 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 should include a visit to Serenade the candidates, and attending the closing.

Post-Cum Christo sponsorship responsibilities are of utmost importance. Beginning with a ride home from the closing, they include cleaning the center for the second Monday in a row, attending Ultreya for three weeks, 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.

If you would like to read more about being a sponsor, please access the two articles written by Terry Walsh at the following website: http://www.cumchristo.org/TWalsh_7_99.html.

the Rectors of the upcoming year (2006) and Rectors for the following year (2007) if they choose to come at that time. However they are required to attend the year prior to their leadership weekend. This is when they learn about choosing their team as they and their Assistant discern from the list of eligible team members. The Rectors and their Assistants are inun-

dated with information but more importantly that God has chosen them and God is in charge. It is God's weekend and they are His chosen leaders. Please pray for this discernment process and God's future Rectors to lead His weekends that have been life changing experiences for many if not all of us. DeColores.

Cum Christo's Summer Events

Jenny Held, W121

We know that summer is a busy time for family and vacations...but please don't forget about the weekly Wednesday night Ultreya's. **WWJD-Wednesday's With Jesus Downtown!!**

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

The Ultreya is intended to be a short, intense experience conveniently available to Cursillistas. The reunion time called "flying group" 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. The purposes of the Ultreya are described in this way:

- To root the results of the 3-Day Cursillo in the soil of perseverance.
- For ongoing formation of Christian Community, so that piety, study, and action can be fostered and encouraged.
- To provide an atmosphere of unity, which the diocesan, parish and Christian communities must have if they are to be dynamic and radiate their fervor and zeal.

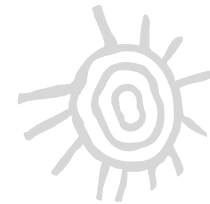
Ultreyas are held at the Holy Cross CumChristo Center every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm.

How can I get involved and support the Columbus Cum Christo's Ultreya?

There are two ways you and/or your group can support Ultreya. First is to join a monthly Ultreya Team. Some groups have made this an annual group event. To join a team, sign your name and telephone number to the Ultreya Team poster usually found in the kitchen after Ultreya's. The second opportunity is for you to join the Permanent Ultreya Team. The Permanent Ultreya Team, nicknamed "P-U-T" is a two-year commitment. The first year you will be asked to participate in several events with an experienced mentor. The second year you will have the opportunity to lead a monthly Ultreya team or other event supporting the community. If you are interested in joining PUT, you will be asked to attend Cum Christo leaders training called "Weekend Orientation." This is a short study of the inner-workings of a Cum Christo weekend and the movement. Typically Weekend Orientation is offered twice yearly at the Cum Christo Center.

Whether you participate on a monthly Ultreya Team or on the Permanent Ultreya Team, other members of the community walking with Christ will support and encourage you. The experience will deepen your faith and help you see the miracles Christ has in store for all who believe in Him."

For more information about Ultreya, please contact the Post Cum Christo coordinator Jenny Held at jennymheld@aol.com or call the Cum Christo office and leave a message 614-464-2474.



Kitchen News

Terri Turner, W101

This year we have been blessed with an abundance of workers for weekend kitchen help. I apologize to those whose offer of help I have to turn away. When 7 or more cooks are in the kitchen there tends to be a lot of exuberance emanating from the kitchen. This is great for fellowship, but distracting for those who are attending the weekend, especially those times when the chapel (which is located right above the kitchen) is being used.

I begin to take requests for volunteers for the fall weekends after the spring weekends are finished, and for the spring weekends after the fall weekends. So if you want to have your group work together you can email or call anytime. (I already have several slots taken for the fall by groups).

Day Stewards are the backbone of the kitchen and we are always in need of new trainees. The job of the Day Steward is to make sure that the kitchen runs smoothly and to follow ALL directions given by the Rector, Assistant Rector or Guardian Angels. Sometimes this is difficult because of time or lack of help, but it is the duty of the kitchen to provide the support needed to allow the weekend to be successful.

There will be a meeting for all present Day Stewards and anyone who would like to be one. It is **Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30**. Please email or call me if you have any questions.



Cum Christo Weekend Talks on the Sacraments

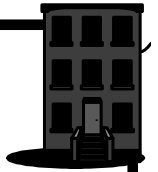
Father Michael J. Reis, M39

The talks on the Sacraments are the second and third talks on Saturday, the second day of the weekend. The talks of this day are explanations of how the Life of Grace is done. Each talk tells the candidate what to and how to do it. At the end of each talk the candidate must be able to say that they know something they should be doing, which they may have not been doing before. They now may have some idea about how to do it. On the second day the focus is primarily individual and personal. The talks and examples should focus on the individual Christian and their relation to the person of Christ and other individuals.

The Sacraments are to be presented as encounters with Jesus in the Church, which make possible the fullness of the Christian life. The sacraments, rather than things received, are expressive actions of Christ. They consecrate the Christians for union with God, and create communion between them. The emphasis is on Jesus' saving action through the sacraments, rather than a complete catechesis on sacraments or an introduction to sacramental theology. The candidates should be helped to see how they could experience the saving action of Jesus through the Sacraments today. The spiritual director should present his/her own witness of how he/she experienced the power and presence of Christ in a particular celebration of the sacrament. The seven Roman Catholic sacraments are to be covered. The sacramental gifts of other churches are to be presented so that the candidates can see the sameness, similarity and differences in approaches to the sacraments. Catholic and Protestant spiritual directors should work closely to present the sacraments in a pastoral way. The spiritual directors should study the make-up of the community of candidates for the particular weekend so that they can make appropriate references in their talks, keeping in mind that certain churches may call sacraments by different names or terms. These two talks should be overflowing with various examples of the "working" of the sacraments as celebrated by the spiritual directors. The candidates should be led to make notes on how they can revisit the sacramental celebrations of their churches, seeking fuller communion with the Lord and their fellow parishioners.

Building Update

Sonny Beam, M112



What a dirty, dusty building we had this spring. Work for the new windows in the CumChristo building began May 16. A total of 75 windows were replaced with the grant money our community received. The windows on the upper floors all open and have screens. Windows in the basement that were not behind walls are glass block with exhaust fans and small vents.

Additionally, the third floor bathroom addition has also been completed! There are three sinks, two showers and hot water. Soon we hope to have hot water on the second floor.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with all aspects of these projects. Each individual's expertise was greatly appreciated.



Cum Christo Outreach

Mary Johns, W16

My heart has been filled since the 40th anniversary with mixed emotions regarding our 'old' roosters - I at 55 - am also considered an old rooster. Whoops! Just seeing if you're paying attention. 'Old' roosters would be individuals who made their weekends during our first 25 years. Each of these individuals is in need of our community support. They

have given much to countless individuals and humbly served our Lord in the Cum Christo Community over the years. Now they find themselves in need of our support.

I would like to propose an outreach to our 'old' roosters to include:

- Mailing contact cards from the Community to them to support them in their present needs.
- Ongoing encouragement (phone calls, e-mails, etc.) to encourage their continued involvement in Cum Christo.
- Keeping our community informed of their present needs by contacting the prayer line and Quiri Quiri editor with their specific requests.

Reaching out to our 'old' roosters we all have much to gain. Experiences from their daily walk with Christ and their participation in our Cursillo/Cum Christo community. This is an apostolic action for us as a community to support those who have done so much for our community in the past and let them know that they are still a part of our community.

Contact Mary Johns at 847-9771 if you would like to reach out to members of our community.



Please pray
for the
following
individuals,
their families,
and friends.

This list of Hugs and Prayers has been compiled since March 2005 through July 31, 2005.

FOR THOSE BEGINNING THEIR 5TH DAY - Jesus, Thank you for letting them walk with you. Ed Kelly, M125, husband of Marilyn, W116 (May 9); Tom Osborne, (May 10); Ohil McCool, M106; Chuck Lindeman, M70 (August 2).

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR LOVED ONES - Please embrace those who have left us. Lift family and friends and help them to deal with their loss. Lynne Weiskittle, daughter of Lewie Dulin, M54, Reginald Benson, Edward Modzelewski father of Dolores Bennison, W29 and grandfather of Stacey Bergmann, W126, Levi, a friends aunt/Godmother, Mary, Aunt Nancy, Henry Bonin, brother Michael, Shirley, Margaret Rodgers, Becky Wilson, Pat, GK, a three-year old boy, Smitty.

FOR THOSE SUFFERING AN ILLNESS - Pray that the Holy Spirit gives the doctors and technicians guidance and knowledge in discerning the test results and to administer the right choice in treatment and medicines if needed. Clara Dixon, Tom, Willie Moore, Paul Siemer, Paulette Meagher, Mary Johns, Bill, Aunt Nancy, Trish Larcomb, Matt Purje, Jim, Henry Pope, Bill, Jim, Jon, Shirley Lawlor, Connie, Rachelle Martin, Doreen McCullough, Lynn, JK, Chuck Wilson, Tom Runyon, Joe, a mother, Sam, MA, Pastor Ron Huff, Pete, Lynn, Emily, Barb, Katy Kram, Joseph Haffner, Betty, Sharon, Jim, Paul Flocken, Peter Garrett, Emily, And, Phil Bickle

FOR THOSE UNDERGOING SURGERY - Please lift up these individuals and the doctors and medical staff that will be taking care of them. Bob Hillis, Patty, a father, Jim Wieler, Dick Struble, Pat, Lori, Don, Jim in CT, Greg, John Queen, Bruce Richardson, Dolores Wandtke, Bev McPherson, Sister Regina Marcum, Debbie Kackley, Colette Peterson, Father Dave O'Brien, Donnie Butts, Marilyn Wiggins, Aunt Julie, Sara Smith, Erwin Price, Harri, Milt, Carmela Santoro Scarsella.

FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER - May you give both them and their families strength. Linda Wolfe, a co-worker, Mary, Lynn, a niece, Pat, Uncle George, Shirley, Bill, Walter, George Bouman, Libby P, Karen, Fran L. Amber K., Barb M., Sandy L., a father, Gary Jim, Valerie, for a friend with breast cancer, Jane, Jack, Cindy.

FOR THOSE ENTERING RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS- Pray that they will serve the body of Christ, regardless of denomination, and the church leaders responsible for reviewing their call to ministry. Jill, Lee

FOR THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN - "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philipians' 4:13.

FOR FAMILIES RELOCATING - Bethann and family

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY - Protect all individuals as they serve us here and abroad. A nephew, Major David Little, NH Army National Guard Unit 833, Gary.

FOR ALL THOSE BRINGING CHILDREN INTO THE WORLD - Monica and Nick, Kelly and Dan DiCesare, Mandy.

FOR THOSE ADDICTED TO DRUGS - Michael David.

FOR THOSE SELLING AND BUYING A HOME - Rich and family

FOR MARRIED COUPLES TO SHARE IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY.

FOR STUDENTS - Please pray for all students. Katie, Heather, graduates, college students - may they make "right" choices, Kathy Rex, The Trekkers.

FOR ALL STRUGGLING IN THEIR JOBS Ty, Melissa Weaver, Lidia, Steve Cunningham, DG.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS - With God all things are possible and when He closes a door, He opens a window.

FOR THOSE GOING THROUGH A DIVORCE -

FOR ALL INTERVIEWING FOR NEW JOBS - Kenny, Kathy Rex, Julie, Gracie.

FOR RELATIONSHIPS THAT NEED HEALING AND FORGIVENESS - Mother/daughter, spouses.

FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN KAIROS WEEKENDS - May your prayers and their hard work "bring to our Savior a harvest of souls."

FOR THOSE SUFFERING - Joannie, Father Rob

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A BELOVED PET - Melissa and Nathan Weaver.

FOR THOSE WHO JUST NEED PRAYERS - Marla, Madeline Acree, Tessie, Debbie, George in ME, Terri Schiavo and family, Steve Gran, Sister Mary Francis, Jonathan, a mother whose teenage son is missing, the Hary Mulholland family, Maggie, Mandy and daughters, grandson Michael, Deacon Earl McCurry, BJ, Camille and Chris, Mary and family, Sharon Zielke, Susan, Maggie, the people of London

IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS FROM ALL OF YOU - Together we live out the command of Jesus to love one another, just as Jesus loves us.

Thank you to all who prayed, supported, and contributed to the Sellers family.

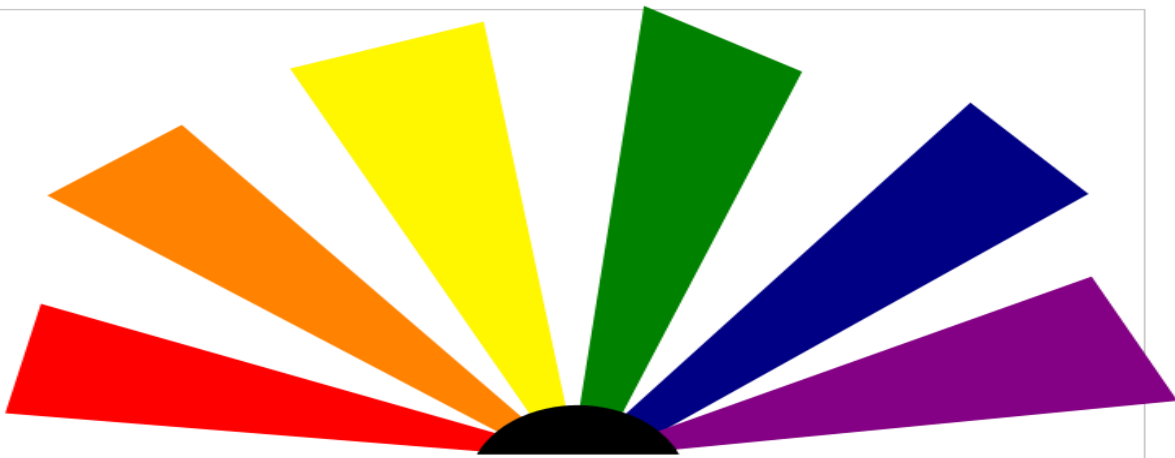
Dick Strubles surgery and recover.

Jill McGregor's internship into the ordained ministry.

For the passing of the Southwestern City School Levy. Thank you for saving jobs and student activities.

To all who responded and sent palanca to babe chick, Jim, in North Carolina for his weekend.

Do you want to include a concern for a person or group in Hugs and Prayers? Go to www.cumchristo.org and choose "Send a Prayer to the Prayer Chain." You may also send information to Stacey Bergmann, c/o CumChristo Center, P.O. Box, 163712, Columbus, OH 43216. Deadline for sending names to the center for the next Quiri/Quiri printing is Sunday, September 4, 2005.



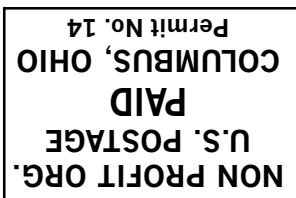
Have you checked out the Columbus Cum Christo Website, www.cumchristo.org ?

The Quiri/Quiri is published just five times a year. If you are looking for information about Cum Christo, look for the most up to date information about the movement on line, including:

- Leadership Directory
- Upcoming Weekend Dates
- Candidates Lists for the next weekends
- Calendar of Events
- Church Contacts
- How to find a new group.
- Scheduled Ultreya Witness Speakers
- Photos from past Cum Christo events

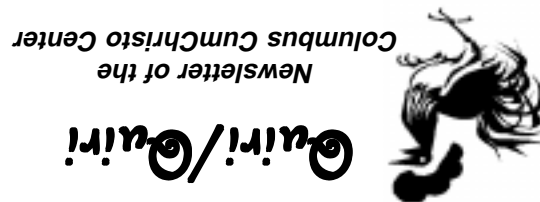
You can also find:

- A Cum Christo brochure to share with a future candidate.
- The Weekend Application



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UpComing Dates

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



**Men's 142st Weekend
September 29-October 2, 2005**

**Women's 133rd Weekend
October 27-30, 2005**

**Leader School Orientation
Weekend
November 18-19, 2005**

**Spiritual Day of Refreshment
Saturday, January 28, 2006**

**Men's 143rd Weekend
March 23-26, 2006**

**Women's 134th Weekend
April 27-30, 2006**

Christ is Counting on You!



Palanca is a Spanish word. It means "lever". A lever allows a person to move something beyond his/her capabilities. In the Cum Christo/Cursillo sense, *Palanca* is prayer and sacrifice on the part of one person, offered to God so that others may accomplish more than they would be capable of otherwise.

The essence of *Palanca* is *sacrifice*. Greeting cards, banners, computer generated spiffy graphics, candy, food, gifts and the like are not *Palanca*. Those things may carry the message of *Palanca*. In and of themselves, the vehicle is not *Palanca*. The message, a message of prayer and sacrifice, is *Palanca*.

You are invited to do *Palanca* and to share that *Palanca* with the Cum Christo community. You may do this by sending it to be read for an *Utreya*, or you can write *Palanca* for a team, each team member, or the candidates of a weekend.

Palanca may be sent electronically on the Cum-Christo website www.cumchristo.org or it can be mailed to the center, P. O. Box 163712, Columbus, OH 43216-3712. Christ is Counting on You!