



# Columbus Cum Christo

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### A Message From The Lay Directors

*Sukey and Joe Di Cesare, W48, M60*

Our summer issue is always our teaching issue. Each section head is given the opportunity to let you know how something works in Cum Christo or how something has changed. Much has happened this year, so you will want to be sure to read each article.

We would like to share with you several items that we think all would be interested in knowing. First, the new weekend application can be found on pages 7, 8, and 9 of this issue of the Quiri and on our website. The address is [www.cumchristo.org](http://www.cumchristo.org). Please **DESTROY** any other applications you might have in your possession and use only the new application beginning this fall. If you are not able to get an application from the internet website and need additional copies please give Nancy Ryan, our application processor, a call and she will be most happy to get one to you. Much effort and prayer has gone into this application by the Long Range Planning Team and Leaders School. Each item helps to let the team know more about the candidate and to discern if this is the right time for the person to experience a Cum Christo Weekend.

Do you need information about sponsoring a candidate for Cum Christo? The new Sponsorship brochure is complete. It is also located on the Cum Christo website at [http://www.cumchristo.org/Sponsorship\\_Cum\\_Christo.pdf](http://www.cumchristo.org/Sponsorship_Cum_Christo.pdf). We have included some excerpts on pages 5 and 6 of the Quiri. Copies of the brochure are also located down at the Cum Christo Center.

Our website is an excellent place to get up to date information on Cum Christo. Phil Turner, our webmaster, has done an excellent job keeping everything current. Look at [CumChristo.org](http://CumChristo.org) each week to see who the Ultreya witness speaker and Spiritual Director will be, to name just one of the plethora of information you can find there.

Cum Christo cannot survive without you. We are always looking for people to feed the babe chicks on a weekend, provide music on a Wednesday evening for Ultreya, write cards on behalf of Cum Christo to a fellow Cursillistas who is in need of cheering up through our Outreach Program or volunteering to be a leader in the movement. Many of you are out there grouping and changing your environments for Christ who are talented and would be a great asset to the running of the movement. Please let us know if you want to take a more active part in Cum Christo. Christ is counting on you, and we are too!!

Finally, we'd like to invite everyone to breakfast after serenade. Yes, for as long as we can remember we have gathered at a downtown restaurant for fellowship with each other after serenade. Currently we go to Tee Jay's located at the corner of Dublin Road and Grandview Avenue. The restaurant has been so gracious to allow us to bombard them at such an early hour and the wait staff has been wonderful. Can you imagine having 80 people come into your home, order 80 different meals and be done and gone within an hour? WOW! Many of the staff ask for our prayers and even take their vacations around when we will be there. Just remember to be Christ to them when we all want our coffee, meal and check at the same time. During this time of fellowship we are a true living witness to the Body of Christ.

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Deadline for the next Quiri printing is Sunday, September 3, 2006. Articles for the Quiri may be emailed to [sbe@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sbe@columbus.rr.com) or mailed to Stacey Bergmann, c/o Cum Christo Center, P.O. Box, 163712, Columbus, OH 43216

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## Weekend Representative

*Judy Gibeaut, W37*

2005 was again a year full of God happenings. We were blessed with gaining many new sisters and brothers in Christ from two weekends in the spring and two weekends in the fall. This past years' Rectors were married couples which God had in mind for some reason and what an experience they had learning the "ropes" together so to speak.

The Men's 141<sup>st</sup> was lead by Jim Kearns with Bill Wilcox as his assistant, and Spiritual Directors Father Jerry Stluka, Reverend Mark Diemer and Sister Mary Pat Gallagher. The closing was held at Holy Family with the reception given by Alan Mooney and helpers.

Rita Kearns was Rector of the Women's 132<sup>nd</sup> and Becca Schott was her assistant. The Spiritual Directors for that weekend were Father "Vinny" (Vincent) McKiernan, Reverend Elizabeth Lilly and Deacon Gordon Kunkler. Our Lady of Peace held the closing with Beth Price as the coordinator.

The fall weekends were lead by Sonny and Elaine Beem with Sonny rectoring the Men's 142<sup>nd</sup> And Elaine the Women's 133<sup>rd</sup>.

Sonny's assistant was Tom Long with Father Jeff Tigyer, Reverend Jim Long and Deacon John Rericha as his Spiritual Directors. The Church of the Resurrection held the closing with the reception coordinated by Terri Louder

Martina Jakob was Elaines' assistant with Spiritual Directors being Father Leo Connolly, Deacon Tony Bonacci and Reverend Orinda Hawkins-Brinkley. Barb Limbert, a very new Cursillista coordinated the reception at Saint Andrew's with not only help from the Cursillistas of Saint Andrew's but several hard "worker bees" from Saint Brendan. This was one of our first efforts to have two communities work together to do the reception. Saint Brendan is unable to have a closing at this time, so they very willingly assisted Barb in having it at Saint Andrew. It worked out so well that we hope to do more of this in the future.

Some of our other activities for the year were Rector School for the 2006 Rectors and Rector Discernment for 2007.

Our Rectors and Assistants for 2006 are:

- Men's 143<sup>rd</sup>: Jerry Cable and Tom Corroto
- Women's 134<sup>th</sup> Peggy Bryant and Debbie Kackley
- Men's 144<sup>th</sup>: Ken Lutter and Phil Turner
- Women's 135<sup>th</sup>: Judy Unger and Judy Cable

The discerned Rectors for 2007 are:

- Men's 145<sup>th</sup>: Jay Janszen
- Women's 136<sup>th</sup>: Becca Schott
- Men's 146<sup>th</sup>: Tom Long
- Women's 137<sup>th</sup> : Sukey Di Cesare

**Dates for these weekends are on page 12.**

## Sharing a true "God moment"

*Pat Sellers, W117*

I experienced a "God moment" on Memorial Day. I recently served on the Women's 134th Cum Christo Team in April, and our rector was Peggy Bryant. Susan on our team gave me a frog holding a butterfly and said, "this is you Pat, holding Scott in his new life." Scott is my son, as we started meeting for our team formation we adopted FROG(s) as our theme. I have never liked going to Saint Joseph's Cemetery to visit graves and really didn't want to go Memorial Day. But a friend from South Carolina was up visiting and my sister and I decided to make a trip to Saint Joseph's and put flowers on Scott's and mom and dad's graves. As I bent down to clean off Scott's gravestone, there was a tree frog that hopped off his stone and began hopping around his gravesite. FROG "Fully Rely on God".

It is so like God and Scott to keep reminding me that especially through the grieving process it's so easy to get side tracked, loose faith and doubt - but if we only rely on God who is constant in His love for us, we will receive the peace, comfort and blessings He has for us. I cannot tell you how surprised my sister and my friend were. This was a true witness for them because I had shared with them about my weekend and the Frog theme some time ago. I truly believe God uses a moment like this to not only share with others, but to increase our faith and give us strength to go on. Thank you Lord Jesus, for always being there for us, in times of joy and sorrow, even though at times we are not always as faithful as we should be. You are ALWAYS with us as our compassionate, loving Father who is ever mindful of our needs. God Bless You All. *Pat's son Scott Sellers went home to Jesus March 16, 2005.*



## Spiritual Directors' Group, Did You Know?

*Father Michael J. Reis, M39*

Father Tom Cadden called some of the clergy of the Columbus Cum Christo Movement into a group to advise him and share about the movement's spiritual director needs. Father Charles Cotton, our Diocesan Spiritual Director, continues this group. The group began meeting twice a year. It shares the spiritual director needs for Secretariat, Leader School, Commissionings and Closings. It discusses and assists with spiritual issues of importance.

Members of the Spiritual Directors Group, assisting Father Charley, include: Deacon Dick Baumann, Deacon Tony Bonnaci, Reverend Orinda Brinkley-Hawkins, Sister Loretta Forquer, O.P., Reverend Bonnie Gerber, Reverend Jim Long, Father Mike Reis, and Deacon Pat Wiggins.

## Post Cum Christo

Jenny Held, W121

PUT, which stands for Permanent Ultreya Team, is responsible for overseeing the weekly Wednesday night Ultreya's and organizing the community special events. The PUT team consists of individuals who have worked on a monthly Ultreya team before joining PUT, plus they have completed Leader School Weekend Orientation.

Being a PUT member is an awesome experience. It is a minimum of a two-year commitment, (but we welcome those who want to stay longer!) Once a PUT member has "worked" under an experienced member to lead a monthly team, they then are able to lead a team on their own. This includes the formation month prior to working the Wednesday Ultreya's. During formation the team meets to get to know each other, build a mini "community" amongst themselves and take time to share their piety, study and action or just a "close moment" they had with God that week.

The PUT member who has signed up to work a particular month is responsible for getting individuals from the community to help "work" the Ultreya's. Various "positions" are available for each person to sign up and rotate weekly for the month. The Ultreya roles consist of: Rector (leads the meeting), Palanca Reader, Greeter, Steward (works the kitchen), Witness speaker and Spiritual Director. There are specific "scripts" and written responsibilities for each role, so no one has to "recreate" anything! If you can read or follow directions, you can be on a team!!

There is a regular PUT meeting, for its members, on the 4th Wednesday of the month, prior to the Ultreya meeting that evening. This is a great way to meet new people and an easy way to become involved. Being on PUT does not mean you have to be at Ultreya every single Wednesday...just the month you happen to sign up to work and the month prior for formation.

Beginning soon, PUT will be working with Pre-Cum Christo and the church contacts to organize individual church's to sign up to lead Ultreya for a month in 2007...we see this as a way to get more folks involved who have not been to the center in a while and to draw on their Cum Christo church community resources for witness speakers....more on this to come.

The PUT team is also responsible for the community special events, which include: The annual dinner and silent auction; Christmas in July for the seniors at JC Arms; August Ultrefest; and the December Senior project. We currently are in need for folks to join the PUT team...so please consider this as an action opportunity for you and /or your group!

## Update from the Music Ministry

Joe Meyer, M60



Nine months have now past since I took over for Kathy Harbold as the music leader. I am so grateful to all the musicians who have volunteered their time and talents. Their leadership shared has certainly made the job a lot easier. I know I could not have done any of this without the guidance of the Holy Spirit and all of the musicians help.

To all of you who are wondering how Kathy is doing? Kathy is still very much involved. I have learned a lot from Kathy over the years and I am grateful to her for her support and advice. Kathy is still organizing 5<sup>th</sup> Day DeColores services and is a part of the training for new musicians who work weekends.

The message I and the rest of the musicians have been trying to convey is "All are welcome!" At the last Men's closing, we had one of the largest turnouts I have ever seen in Cum Christo. We had keyboardist, 2 accordions, flute, violin, bass guitar, harmonica, and lots of guitars. I know it must have been a beautiful sight to the candidates as they came in to that Church to see so many musicians. After the closing we even had someone come up to me and thought we should do a benefit CD of Cum Christo favorites. Who knows...?

I recently received a E-Mail from a brother in Christ from the Men's 129<sup>th</sup> weekend who said he would like to get involved in our music ministry by helping me put together music for other instruments other than guitars. He also stated that he is a music director at a local church and has been gigging for quite some years now. He plays the keyboard/organs (even the sax).

What's really exciting is he said that his main income is writing/arranging and doing audio technician stuff with sound systems. I'm excited because this is just one of many different examples of the untapped resources that we have right here in our community.

Father Leo Connolly's surprise 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination celebration produced another nice turnout of musicians as well as a large crowd of cursillistas. We even had a new member play the trumpet on De Colores. The look on Father Leo's face as he came through that door was priceless.

As Christians we are called to turn from our ways and embrace God's ways. What does God's ways mean? How is God calling you to follow him? Let me share how God is calling me. The other day I was thinking about something that I felt God is calling me to do. After a lot of prayer and some affirmations that I was getting from other people, I felt like I kept getting the same message or answer.

On a Sunday evening I went downstairs to play my guitar. I flipped through some music and landed on a song that spoke to my heart. The song is "The Summons," I couldn't believe what I read in those song lyrics. The words are so powerful. It made me cry as I read the lyrics. I felt as though Jesus was talking right to me. I think my favorite verse to this song is verse 4 "Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? I pray that you will "love the "you" you hide" That you will "use the faith you've found to reshape the world around." And that you'll "go where you don't know and never be the same." De Colores!

Christmas in July for 2006 was held on Saturday, July 22 at 9:00 AM at the center. There were over 45+ volunteers that packed 250+ bags full of personal care and cleaning items to take to the seniors. It was a great success!

The August Ultrefest, was held in the parking lot at the center, Wednesday, August 16.

Also, it's time to give someone else the remarkable opportunity to be in a leadership position within the Cum Christo community as Post Cum Christo head and Ultreya coordinator. I am pleased

to announce that as of August 1, 2006, Mary Tracy will take over as the Post Cum Christo head and Carol Urbanik will be the new Ultreya Coordinator. Sue Shetler and I will be in charge of the Cum Christo events. If you have any questions regarding PUT and/or would like to just come "sit in" on a meeting to see what we're all about, please contact Mary Tracy at [MaryBrigid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MaryBrigid@sbcglobal.net). It has been a wonderful experience leading the PUT team this past several years, and I look forward to my involvement in other ways throughout the Cum Christo organization.

## Pre Cum Christo

*Jerry Abraham, M138*

Have you heard about Pre Cum Christo? Did you know that it is one of several groups in Secretariat that promotes Cum Christo and our special Weekends to potential candidates?

The role of the Pre Cum Christo Section is to identify and facilitate the sponsorship of the natural leaders in our church communities - to take Jesus' invitation for a personal faith journey to our church family members. These invitations come in many forms: Brochures describing Cum Christo mission and weekend details; Posters for display in church information centers; organized Cum Christo Information nights, newsletters, and media advertising in the Catholic Times, Church Bulletins, and our web site, [www.cumchristo.org](http://www.cumchristo.org).

Our group includes more than 70 Cursillistas who, as church contacts, are dedicated to this special ministry and serve as a Cum Christo liaison for their church pastors and as disciples for the movement for others. With more than 125 churches in the greater Columbus area, there are many opportunities for you to join this exciting and spiritually rewarding ministry. Please pray about joining the Pre Cum Christo ministry for, as we heard at the Closing Ceremony of our weekend, "Christ is counting on you".



## Kitchen News

*Terri Turner, W101*

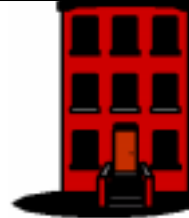
The kitchen has new coordinators. They are Linda and Skip Murray. They begin work with the men's fall weekend. Also, Ellen Massuras has been in training for the job of Food Procurement. Welcome and thank you for saying "yes" to serving the God's people.

We are still in need of Day Stewards for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The kitchen coordinators do training. The Day Steward follows the outline in the Day Steward book for each meal. They are in charge of organizing the assigned kitchen help and making sure all materials are on hand to serve the meals. It is a great palanca gift and you get to meet many cursillistas.

If you would like to help for a meal on a weekend, please check the website or call the kitchen coordinator to volunteer. We need 5-6 volunteers for each meal, which means we need at least 45 people to cook, clean and serve for each weekend. Breakfast help is needed at 6:30-10:30. Lunch is 10:30-2:30. Dinner on Friday is 3:30-7:30 and dinner and Fiesta on Saturday is 4:30-about 10:00. Dinner and clean up on Sunday is 2:30-6:00 with plenty of time to get to the closing.

## Service

*Bill Pederson,  
M123*



It has been a slow summer at the Center, but as we move into fall the pace of activities will increase.

We are planning a front door stripping party. Volunteers are needed to strip all the old paint off the doors and trim, clean up, and then paint. No date has been set, however, this project will be completed before the Men's Weekend in September.

Other items on the list of activities include: Plans to install a chair lift from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to the second; a proposal to remodel the 1<sup>st</sup> floor bathroom and make it handicap accessible; replacement of the fire escape.

Sonny Beam is another point of contact for work at the Center. He has a mind like a steel trap with volumes of information stored inside. This is information about the Center, little things that need to be done before the weekend, how the heating systems works, and what to do when it doesn't. Sonny recently admitted to me that this steel trap of a mind is getting rusty and old. So, he wants to put this information about the Center on to paper before it is lost to space. Sonny is looking for someone in the Cum Christo community to help him put together a turnover file. Any volunteers?

If you are looking to do some physical palanca, come on down to the Center to help with the cleaning of the building on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 before the men's weekend.

Cleaning of the building is an ongoing process. If your group would like to do some physical palanca, contact myself at [umpirepederson@wowway.com](mailto:umpirepederson@wowway.com) or call 614-475-9234.

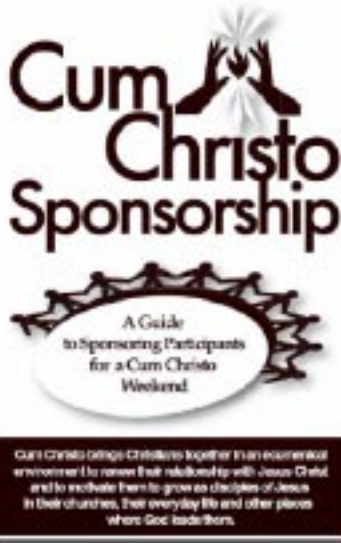


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Check out our website!







## Long Range Planning Committee

The Quiri in its January 2006 edition reported that the Long Range Planning Team would be working on marketing items. The Cum Christo Sponsorship brochure is complete and available at [http://www.cumchristo.org/Sponsorship\\_Cum\\_Christo.pdf](http://www.cumchristo.org/Sponsorship_Cum_Christo.pdf) or printed copies are available down at the center.

This brochure is full of information. Have you thought of sponsoring someone? Not sure how to get started? Want to know your responsibilities? Here are some excerpts from the brochure. This brochure in combination with the new application will give you the necessary tools to "...joyfully bring to our Savior a harvest of souls."

## Introduction

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."**

Bringing Christians from the three branches of Christianity (Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant) to experience the gift of a Cum Christo weekend is the job of "sponsors." People attend Cum Christo weekends for many reasons, but the human delivery agent is the candidate's sponsor. So, being the sponsor for a weekend candidate, and being an effective sponsor, is of paramount importance to achieving the mission of Cum Christo.

In the song "De Colores" that we learned on our Cum Christo weekend, the words "...joyfully we will bring to our Savior a harvest of souls"...remind us of the awesome responsibility to which we are being called. Yes, Christ is counting on Cursillistas to bring him a harvest of souls. Yes, Christ is counting on Cursillistas to be his disciples and bring others to a closer relationship with Him. Introducing Christian friends, family, acquaintances and co-workers to Cum Christo and seeking God's guidance in the "sponsorship process" are very special opportunities that Cursillistas have to help grow disciples of Jesus and to support the Cum Christo movement.

This pamphlet provides the essential information to motivate a Cursillista to adopt sponsorship as a regular part of their "life in God's grace." And it provides the guidance needed to be an effective sponsor of a candidate. Being an effective sponsor is a significant commitment, and it is also a special opportunity to be God's agent in helping a Christian friend renew their relationship with Jesus and grow as a disciple—however and wherever God leads them.

## Guidelines for Candidates for Cum Christo Weekends

Candidates for Cum Christo weekends should meet the following eligibility guidelines:

- Be at least 21 years old. Young adults between the ages of 18 and 21 may attend a weekend if an age-appropriate "short course in Christian living" is not available for them within about 50 miles of their home.
- Be baptized Christians. Attending a church, or desiring to grow as a Christian.
- Be affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, Orthodox Church, or a Protestant church, which accepts the basic tenants of the Nicene Creed (or substitute Apostles' Creed), the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the fullness of the Holy Trinity. Affiliation includes membership, or attending worship services, or participating in ministry.
- Be ready, in the Sponsor's judgment, to receive the Cum Christo experience.
- Be in such physical, mental and spiritual health as to permit the person to participate fully and constructively in a weekend.
- Reside within about 100 miles of Columbus

## Additional Guidelines for Sponsoring Married Persons

Cum Christo encourages both spouses in a marriage to attend a Cum Christo Weekend, so they can share the benefits of the weekend and enjoy together their opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ in their family, church and other shared environments.

In October, 2005, the Secretariat approved new guidelines for sponsoring married persons on a Cum Christo weekend. The former policy of generally requiring a husband to make a weekend before the wife could attend a weekend is superseded by these new guidelines.

### Ideal Way

The ideal way for a Cursillista to approach a married person about considering Cum Christo is to arrange a meeting with both spouses. Both spouses would thereby have the opportunity to learn about Cum Christo first-hand and in each other's company. Each spouse would have the opportunity to get questions answered by the experienced Cursillista and to have their spouse ask his/her own questions and to hear the answers. During this meeting the spouses would be invited to pray to discern whether God is leading them to attend a Cum Christo Weekend. The sponsor would encourage the spouses to communicate with each other about this opportunity to attend a weekend and then give their decisions to the Cursillista who has offered to be their sponsor. Neither spouse might attend. Both might commit to attend. Or one spouse might decide to attend soon and the other spouse might not make a commitment about Cum Christo.

### Alternative Way

Frequently, however, a Cursillista has a close relationship with one spouse in a marriage but not the other. And sometimes it is difficult or impractical to follow the "ideal way" described above. In these situations, it is also acceptable for a Cursillista to meet personally with the spouse that he/she knows well, educate them about Cum Christo and invite him/her to consider and pray about attending a Cum Christo weekend.

The Cursillista would urge the prospective candidate to share all information about Cum Christo with his/her spouse and to collaboratively reach a decision about having the "prospective candidate" attend a Cum Christo Weekend. Experience shows that if one spouse attends fourth day weekends like Cum Christo, the other spouse frequently attends a weekend in the next several years. So by one spouse attending a Cum Christo Weekend, frequently the other spouse attends later.

## Whom to Sponsor

Sponsoring another person for a Cum Christo weekend is a God-given opportunity for a Cursillista to share the gift of a weekend with a candidate.

Sponsorship should start with prayer, seeking God's leading in discerning people who would benefit from attending a weekend. Through prayer, put yourself in a position to let God work through you.

Cum Christo is designed to motivate and coach church leaders, potential leaders and ordinary church ministry participants/helpers to grow in their relationship with Jesus and to grow as Christian leaders and disciples of Jesus in their church and their other environments.

Cum Christo is not an evangelization ministry for non-Christians. It is not just a program to re-educate people about Christianity or to give them an introduction to the Christian life.

Cum Christo operates in an "ecumenical environment," focusing on the basics of the Christian faith that are held in common by Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant churches. A key factor in considering someone for a weekend is the comfort level of the prospective candidate with the content of the weekend. Such discomfort might extend to their beliefs about God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit that differ from the traditional belief of the Holy Trinity. Cum Christo is designed to foster Christian community; it is not a place for theological or religious debate. Persons who challenge basic tenets of the Christian faith could become disruptive or withdraw from participation in a weekend. In praying about and discerning prospective weekend participants, consider other ministries for them if they are not ready or appropriate for an upcoming Cum Christo weekend. Help them grow in the Christian faith—even if Cum Christo is not yet ready to receive them.

Evaluate the emotional stability, moral condition, and physical health of prospective weekend candidates; factor these issues into the discernment of whether a person is ready and able to participate effectively and completely in the weekend experience. A person who is experiencing, or has recently experienced, a tragic or traumatic event such as a fractured marriage, death of a loved one, job loss, serious illness or treatment for chemical dependence should not attend a weekend until they are healed. Share God's love with such persons and guide them to the help they need to become whole and stable persons in Christ. Then when they have recovered from their problem issue(s), consider and pray about inviting them to make a Cum Christo weekend.

## Responsibilities and Activities of a Sponsor

### Before the Weekend

1. Share how Cum Christo has impacted your life.
2. Find out where the prospect is in his/her Christian faith walk.
3. Ask the prospect what they would like to know about a Cum Christo weekend and the follow-up activities.
4. Explain other important features of a Cum Christo weekend and grouping that haven't been covered so far in your conversations. Present the Mission and Method of Cum Christo, so the prospect sees the "big picture" of what Cum Christo is about.
5. When the prospect says that he/she will either seriously consider attending a weekend or commits to attending an upcoming weekend, give him/her an "application."
6. Clean the Cum Christo Center with other sponsors.

### During the Weekend

1. Do palanca for your candidate and write a "palanca note" to him/her.
2. Do general palanca for the weekend.
3. Bring your candidate to the Center Thursday evening.
4. Keep in touch with the candidate's family over the weekend.
5. Come to the "community serenade."
6. Pray frequently for your candidate during the course of the weekend.
7. Come to the weekend closing Sunday evening.

### After the Weekend

1. Clean the Center again on the Monday evening following the weekend.
2. A sponsor should attend the next three Wednesday evening Ultreyas with your candidate(s).
3. Help your candidate find a group or start their own group.
4. Make connections periodically with the person(s) you have sponsored for a year after their weekend.
5. Send a letter to the pastor or priest who endorsed the candidate for the weekend.
6. Coach your weekend "graduate" in the process of sponsoring people for a weekend.

## Other Information about Sponsorship

A maximum of 4 people from any one church can attend a particular weekend. So if there are more candidates applying to attend a given weekend, some will be deferred to the following weekend.

Some Cursillistas who regularly encourage prospective candidates to submit applications for weekends may find themselves with 2 or 3 candidates, for which they are the listed sponsor, attending a particular weekend. It is recommended that a Cursillista serve as sponsor to no more than two candidates on a weekend.

Cursillistas are not allowed work on a kitchen team during a weekend if they are sponsoring a candidate on that weekend.

Team members on a weekend are allowed to sponsor candidates on the same weekend where the Cursillista is serving on the team. But, such team members are encouraged to seek another Cursillista to be the official sponsor for their prospective candidate in order that the weekend relationship

is that of team member and weekend participant—rather than a sponsor-candidate relationship.

## The Cum Christo Method

Cum Christo emerged from Catholic Cursillo and has adopted many practices from this heritage. Cum Christo brings adults from Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant churches together for a 3-day "workshop in Christian living." Participants are urged to grow as disciples of Jesus by gathering weekly in small "Group Reunions" to share their relationship with Jesus, their Christian study and Christian action. Prayer support for each other and accountability also are part of these Group Reunions. The entire Cum Christo community is invited to attend regular weekly gatherings to gain encouragement, reconnect, practice Group Reunion, worship and pray and share Christian fellowship. Cum Christo guides participants to live as Jesus' disciples in their daily life and to be ministry participants and leaders in their church and in the other environments where God leads them.

# COLUMBUS CUM CHRISTO CANDIDATE APPLICATION

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

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

## (Please Print) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE (Please Print)

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Preferred name for name tag: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status: \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Engaged

Church where you worship: \_\_\_\_\_ Religious denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor explained the mission and method of Cum Christo? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor explained the content and format of the weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor explained the weekend schedule, dorm-style sleeping, and eating arrangements? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor explained the cloistered environment (no cell phones, radios, music players)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor explained the post-weekend activities including Group Reunion and Ultreya? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor advised you that there is no inter-communion permitted on the weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Any medically-required dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Any physical limitations or requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to make a Cum Christo Weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## (Please Print) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE (Please Print)

Candidate's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you made a Cum Christo or similar Weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_

If not, are you also submitting an application for a Cum Christo Weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you supportive of your spouse's participation in Cum Christo? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*We ask that a non-refundable \$25 deposit accompany this application. Actual costs for food and supplies amount to \$100 per person. Each participant is invited during the weekend to make a contribution according to your means. Please do not let this donation keep you from attending a Cum Christo Weekend.*

CANDIDATE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please Print)**

**PASTOR RECOMMENDATION**

**(Please Print)**

DEAR PASTOR:

As part of this application, we seek your recommendation as to the suitability of this candidate for Cum Christo. That is, can this candidate become a leader for Christ? Cum Christo is intended to strengthen a candidate's faith in Jesus Christ, to cause them to lead others to Christ and to send them back to their parishes and churches to work with you for Christ. We ordinarily only accept candidates whose pastor can recommend them in this regard. If warranted, we may contact you by telephone with respect to this application. (Note: Clergy are encouraged to attend Cum Christo weekends to gain a first hand perspective of the mission and method of the movement.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY PASTOR AFTER READING THE ABOVE

Pastor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this candidate. \_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend. \_\_\_\_\_ I don't know candidate well enough to recommend.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If a priest or minister other than the candidate's pastor signs the application, please give reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



CANDIDATE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please Print) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR (Please Print)**

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend # \_\_\_\_\_ Month & year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you grouping? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you believe that this candidate should make a Cum Christo Weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any emotional or spiritual problems that might affect the candidate's full participation in the Weekend or affect the participation of others? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Uncertain \_\_\_\_\_

Explain if you answered "uncertain" or "yes": \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any reason why this candidate should **not** be a table leader or table secretary? Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you inform the candidate of the mission and method of Cum Christo? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you explain the content and format of the weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you explain Fourth Day activities, including Group Reunion and Ultreya? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you inform the candidate that there is no inter-communion? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If your candidate is married, have you also discussed Cum Christo with the candidate's spouse and invited him/her to make a Weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you pledge to provide transportation to and from the weekend, provide general palanca for the weekend, and personal palanca for your candidate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you pledge to personally introduce your candidate to Group Reunion and Ultreya? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you pledge to join other sponsors in the pre-and post-weekend clean-up of the Cum Christo Center on the Monday evenings preceding and following the weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

***I recommend this applicant for acceptance as a candidate on a Cum Christo Weekend and accept all the sponsor responsibilities.***

Sponsor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail the Completed Application and \$25 Deposit to:**

*Cum Christo Weekend Application  
c/o Nancy Ryan  
7748 Blue Juniper Drive  
Westerville, Ohio 43081*

## Long Range Planning Survey Followup

Stacey Bergmann W126, Sandy Goggins  
W113, Becca Schott W120

Earlier this year, the Long Range Planning sub committee placed a survey in the Quiri and on the website to evaluate information on the frequency and types of "gatherings" that take place in Cum Christo. We would like to share some of the thoughts in these surveys, which will be used by the Long Range Planning Committee to make recommendations to the Secretariat and Leader School for future gatherings.

We received 45 completed surveys. Here is some of the demographic information on the individuals who responded.

Cum Christo Weekend made...  
2000 or later 32%, 1990-1999 20%,  
1980-1989 22%, 1970-1979 22%,  
before 1970 4%.

Male 49%, Female 51%

Married 73%, Single 27%

Age:	<30	4%
	30-39	2%
	40-49	22%
	50-59	29%
	60-69	25%
	>69	18%

Attended Leader School Weekend  
Orientation: 71% yes, 29% no

Served on Cum Christo Weekend Team:  
62% yes, 38% no

The "gatherings" the survey referred to were Ultreya, Serenade, Closings, and special events such as Ultreyafest, Spiritual Directors Dinner, Annual Dinner/Dance/Auction and the Spiritual Day of Refreshment. We received comments on each on of these gatherings as well as some additional comments about the movement. Here is what survey responders had to say:

Ultreyas – Most attended three to six times a year, with an occasional person coming one time each month. This group occasional served on the monthly team. About one-third responding think weekly Ultreyas are accomplishing the mission of Cum Christo. Reasons these people do not attend Ultreyas, include: a conflict with Wednesdays, a change in time, different location, want it less frequently, younger with more energy, include child care.

Serenade – One third of the respondents never attend a serenade. Only four percent attend all four.



**Save the Date!**

***Come to the Spiritual Directors Banquet to say DeColores to our Spiritual Directors for all of their hard work and effort working with and for the Cum Christo community.***

**Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

**Bishop Frederick Campbell  
will be attending!**

Watch for reservation information on the website  
and in the next edition of the Quiri.

Closing – These are the most attended functions by this survey group.

Periodic gatherings to accomplish the mission of Cum Christo rated high on the list of gatherings to be considered. Ideas for these events included: guest speakers, ecumenical services, days of reflection, conferences. But one third of the survey responders said new things would probably not change my attendance more than I do now.

Following are general comments about gatherings. These have not been edited.

Do some experimentation in 2006, 2007 with changing frequency, location, do a few on Saturday evening  
Having an annual dinner/auction and spiritual directors dinner is over kill – alternate every 2 years perhaps. More days of reflection and/or retreats.

Shift responsibility for Ultreyas to church communities instead of the small group at Ultreya currently. Team formation could be done at parish and Ultreya still

at the Center. Teams for weekends are supposed to be attending Ultreya, but teams chosen are rarely in attendance; instead are selected from friends; new candidates are frequently overlooked as potential team members.

Open house for people that can become members of the Cum Christo.

What a wonderful movement! Although I was unable to attend, I think events like the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary are a great idea. There are so many people still involved in Cum Christo – still grouping, that is – who never make it to Ultreya. It would be nice to pull these people together more often, and the 40<sup>th</sup> seemed to do this nicely. I like the idea of a monthly "big Ultreya" which moves around from church to church. (Pastor Paul at UALC suggested this a few years ago during the "Day of Reflection" event.) I think something like this would draw people in. However, keep Ultreya as it is! Maybe a half hour earlier, and that is the important ongoing part for me.



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

*This list of Hugs and Prayers has been compiled from April 2006 through August 3, 2006.*

**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.**

Willie Moore (M135) is doing great. The cards, calls, visits were appreciated. The prayers; they truly work!

Father Leo Connolly (M85) celebrated his 25th Anniversary in the priesthood!

Tessie Capocci (W119) successful surgery and celebration of her 82nd year!

Milt Schott (M129) his disc surgery went very well. Prayers for patience and healing are still needed!

Deacon Tony (M90) and Elaine (W79) Bonnaci celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary!

God Bless you for your faithful prayers for Gary Keyes, he had a successful open heart surgery last week and is now at home recovering.

A few weeks ago I requested prayer for Mike, the son-in-law of Fay Scott who was being operated on for a malignant brain tumor. The operation was successful and the tumor was contained and removed. Mike will require no further treatment. Thank you Jesus!

Gracious Lord we thank you for the healing that has taken place with Tiffany. The surgeon was able to completely obliterate the life threatening aneurysm which she was initially told could not be done. She is at home recovering with her husband and baby.

**FOR THOSE UNDERGOING SURGERY - Please lift up these individuals and the doctors and medical staff that will be taking care of them.** Bob Rain, Father Mark, Kelly, Jack, Sister Regina Marcum, Mary, Sister Camilla Smith, Jimmy, Milt Schott (M129), Gilda, Linda Ebright, Michelle, Mike, Gary Keye, Mary Ellen, Tiffany Fry, Glynn, Peter, April Walsh (W132), Jane Butcher, Mary Johns (W16), Jerry Ball, Dolores Bennison (W29), Karen Hull, Matt.

**FOR THOSE BEGINNING THEIR 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY - Jesus, Thank you for letting them walk with you.** Mary Heeg (W18).

**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.** The father of David Meuse (M46), Lucille Vradenburg, mother of Lyle Vradenburg (M129), Patsy Stern, sister of Sukey Di Cesare (W48), Mary, Jim, brother-in-law of Ellen Judge (W94), Nancy, the father of Steve Friend (M143), Jessica, Mary Catherine Logsdon, Patty.

**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.** Annie, Buster, Pete, Twila, Pat, Tessie Capocci (W119), Peter Killeen (M143), Paul Guevin, Uncle Jim, James, Helen, Marge Allen, Vicki Meyer, Bob, Timothy O'Reilly, Elmer, SK, Judy Hartley, Mike, Sharon Merhar (W133), Audrey, Sally Sheridan (W5), Dave Askew, Thomas, VM, Tim Ryan, Charles Johns (M130), Anna, Gilbert, Kay, Helen, Sam McCord, Theresa Sprungle, Don Ferguson, Corinne, Elaine Beem (W80), Sally Sheridan (W5), Dorothy Shackelford, sister of Grace Neeley, Patty, Ed Giorgione (M68), Patti, Pat, Father Kenneth Wise (M1), JL.

**FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER - May you give both them and their families strength.** Rose, Phil, Marlene, Sharon, Felix's mother, Cheryl, Ken, Bob Brucken (M141), Bunny Stimmel, Betty, KG, Mary, Mary Kay, Lori, Bob, Lynn, Sharon, Frank, Pam, Kay, Beth Kelley, Don, Patty, Ann Hills, Joann Durbin, Martha.

**A PRIEST HAS BEEN ORDAINED IN OUR DIOCESE - Father Bill Ferguson (M129).**

**FOR THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN - "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians' 4:13.** Ryan Christopher, Grant, Bernadette, Lucas, Alexis, Jacob Quinn Cheatham, Logan, Josh Fowler, Samantha.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY - Serving and thinking about joining.**

**FOR ALL THOSE BRINGING CHILDREN INTO THE WORLD - Julie (M130) & Chris (139) Cheatham, Jennifer Jacoby (W119) & Grant (M133) Rice.**

**FOR THOSE SELLING AND BUYING A HOME - Paul (M54) and Susan (W44) Younger.**

**FOR MARRIED COUPLES TO SHARE IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY.** Tim & Sandie Peterson.

**FOR STUDENTS - Please pray for all students.** Saint Peters Senior High Youth Group, Chrissy, Jim.

**FOR ALL STRUGGLING IN THEIR JOBS-** Ramona Nash.

**FOR THOSE GOING THROUGH A DIVORCE - Scott, PC.**

**FOR ALL INTERVIEWING FOR NEW JOBS - Michelle, Victoria Ciola (W134), Jeff, husband of Laura Luhn, Helen.**

**FOR RELATIONSHIPS THAT NEED HEALING AND FORGIVENESS - Todd Kelleher's parents, Sharon and Christa.**

**FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS STARTING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR.**

**FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN KAIROS OUTSIDE.**

**FOR THE MEN & WOMEN OF THE MEN'S 144TH TEAM WHICH BEGAN FORMATION MEETINGS.**

**FOR TROUBLED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THEIR WAY and THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY DEAL WITH THESE SITUATIONS-** Joseph Patrick, Cara and Karen, Chrissy and Jean.

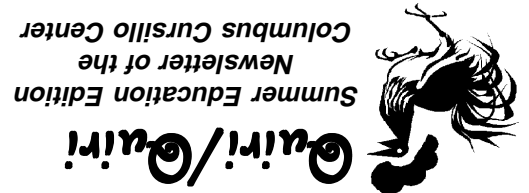
**FOR THOSE WHO JUST NEED PRAYERS - Jim & Erin, Jim & Marla, Melissa, Philip and Rachael, Celeste, Luke, Chris, Joe, the Sheridan Family, Roxanne Barnes, Mike and Colleen, Kathy Rex, Brigid Tracy, Veda Ryan, Mary Johns, Aunt Fran, Kathleen, David, Bob and Jamie Briggs, Danna, Colleen, Halina, Anna, Henry, J and H, Larry Sheridan (M15), Pavlina Naumovski, Pat, Jim, Steve & Martha Hills, Janice.**

*Do you want to include a concern for a person or group in Hugs and Prayers? Go to [www.cumchristo.org](http://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 3, 2006.*

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## Cum Christo Dates to Remember



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

**August 16, 2006**

UltreyaFest, 6:30 PM  
 Cum Cum Christo Center

**September 8 & 9, 2006**

Leader School/Weekend Orientation

**September 28 - October 1, 2006**

Men's 144th Weekend

**Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

Spiritual Director Banquet

**October 26-29, 2006**

Women's 135th Weekend

**November 10-11, 2006**

Leader School/Weekend Orientation

**December 16, 2006**

Christmas for Seniors/Caroling

**January 28, 2007**

Spiritual Day of Refreshment

**March 8-11, 2007**

Men's 145th Weekend

**New Date!**

**April 4, 2007**

Seder Meal

**April 19-22, 2007**

Women's 136th Weekend

**May 11-12, 2007**

Leader School/Weekend Orientation

**September 27-30, 2007**

Men's 146th Weekend

**October 25-28, 2007**

Women's 137th Weekend

**November 9-10, 2007**

Leader School/Weekend Orientation

**WOW!**

*What an edition  
 of the Quiri.*

*Look inside for...*

*The New Weekend  
 Application*

*and much, much  
 more.....*