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

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From the Lay Directors

Rob and Bob Franz, W25, M36

Dear Cum Christo Community,

As we begin our two year commitment to the Cum Christo Community, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve the very Movement which has itself enriched our lives in so many ways. We are thankful for the impact our Weekend and many of you have had on us in helping us build a closer relationship with Jesus.

We made our Cursillo in the spring of 1976, so we are of the "older generation" of Cursillistas. Over the years we have witnessed the growth and development of the Cum Christo Movement through the involvement of many, many dedicated people in the community who have inspired us to be servant leaders.

We know we cannot do this alone. So, we pray for guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, and we ask for your prayers and support as we embark on this mission together. We also seek your ideas and involvement. We want to hear from you. We want you to feel free to share your gifts and talents with the community.

In order to set out some goals for the Cum Christo Movement for the next two years, we sent a questionnaire to the members of Secretariat. We asked them what they thought the top priorities of the Movement should be and what the strengths and weaknesses were. We have categorized the responses and share them with you.

Spirituality - To remind the community to pray constantly for the spiritual health of the movement; to focus on the spiritual life of the community; to have a community "Day of Prayer and Fasting" for the life of the movement; to focus on Christ; to have a mini-weekend of renewal once a year; to keep the Leader's School Weekend of Refreshment for Leader's.

Life of the Movement - To regenerate enthusiasm for the movement; to generate more candidates both Catholic and Protestant; to bring in more clergy; to promote Cum Christo to more Churches and to find more venues to promote the Movement to the public; to revitalize or enliven the Ultreya.

Education - To provide education about the Cum Christo Movement for all who might be interested: new babechicks and anyone interested in learning more about the Movement; to individuals who seek to sponsor new candidates; to those who want to share their gifts and talents in a leadership capacity.

Leadership - To include the wisdom and experience of past leaders as partners and advisors in our mission; to set up term limits for leaders in order to refresh leadership roles and bring in new ideas; to develop a pool of those interested in leadership positions; to provide a six month understudy prior to assuming a leadership position.

Traditions - To keep our traditions and remain true to our "roots", to remain ecumenical; to honor our past.

If you have other ideas and suggestions please feel free to send them to us.

Your sister and brother in Christ,
Rob & Bob

Please Help Us!

Stacey Bergmann, W126

The Cum Christo member list now contains over 2700 names. Currently, we have out-of-date information on over 85% of the cursillistas in the database.

Please help us! It is not a lot of information, but when we are coordinating activities, the database is not always correct. Items get updated in the database as we receive it. For some entries this means we have not made changes since you made your weekend!

If you have notified us in the past, thank you. But we need each person to update their information. When someone moves, we change an address. If you marry, divorce, or if there is a death, we need to update that information as well.

What are we missing? The church you currently belong to - not the one listed in the database from when you made your weekend.

Did you move? We might have the correct address, but not the right phone number!

Would you like to be on the Prayer Vigil List? We have never asked for volunteers, but know that some of you have never been on this list.

Would you please take a few moments to update your information. You may complete it online at www.cumchristo.org. There is a link on the bottom left of the home page. Or, you may complete the form on page 7 of this Quiri and mail it to me.

Please help us update the information about you. Each person is listed individually in the database. If you and your spouse need to make changes, please make copies of the form as needed or complete the database form and submit it for each person. We need one form or database submission for each person. Thank you for helping us!

See page 7 for the "Database Update Form".

God's Special Gift - A Cum Christo Weekend!

Jerry Abraham, M138

Do you remember who gave you His gift of a Cum Christo weekend? That extraordinary joy and love from God are to be shared. He is calling on you to show Christ's love to a friend or someone who attends church with you by inviting them to a weekend. Do you feel Him calling others through you? Show your enthusiasm for our Lord by being a sponsor! Do your part in carrying the Love of God to others. Experience your weekend again and be blessed by witnessing God's Love growing in others.

Pre Cum Christo is challenged to bring faith filled people to our community. We need Cursillistas to help members of their churches learn about Cum Christo by serving as Church representatives. There are more than 130 churches in the Central Ohio area but less than 60 church contacts. As a church contact person, what would you have to do? Be the spokesperson for Cum Christo.....Be there to answer questions.....Be there to support your Pastor. Please pray about and consider joining the Pre Cum Christo ministry. Our opportunities abound!



Silence and Solitude

Reverend James Long, M90

You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you in truth. Psalm 145:18(NAB)

Psalm 145 reminds us that God is close to all who call. However, different translations of the Hebrew text use different words to describe the desired attitude in our call upon God. The New American Bible and the New Revised Standard Version say we are to call "in truth." The Revised English Bible says we are to call "in sincerity." The New Jerusalem Bible says we are to call "from the heart." Perhaps all these translations give us the same essential point, but they also give us something different to think about in our attitude of prayer.

Eugene H. Peterson has a unique ability to paraphrase scripture in ways that we can hear the meaning anew. He rephrases this text as "God's there . . . for all who pray and mean it." Thus, we are called to *pray* and *really mean it!* We call upon God when we engage in an honest prayer life.

However, he goes on to say that silence and solitude are as essential to prayer as nutrition is to our bodies. He states:

Prayer takes place in every detail of life, in the loneliest reaches of our hearts and the most isolated of exiles, whether geographical or emotional. There is much silence to be cultivated, and great stretches of solitude to be guarded, for these, silence and solitude, are as essential to the soul as meat and potatoes are to the body. (**God's Message for Each Day**, Eugene H. Peterson, p. 387)

In his **Prayer Primer: Igniting a Fire Within**, Thomas Dubay, S.M. says that a widespread problem in our society is that "we need to learn to become quiet" and "to become sensitive to the divine omnipresence." (p. 135) Abundant life and true freedom come from "a peaceful awareness of ourselves and our immediate environment.(id.) The psalmist put it well long ago in **Psalm 46:10**: "Be still, and know that I am God!" (**NRSV**) May this be our practice in the New Year. De Colores.

**Weekend
Representative's Report**
Judy Gibeaut, W37

Again God blessed Cum Christo with three very good and Spirit filled weekends. The Men's 143rd with God in the lead was assisted with the Rector Jerry Cable and Assistant Tom Corroto. The Spiritual Directors were Father (Blu) Homer Blubaugh, Reverend David Weyrich and Deacon Bob Neely. The closing was held at the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church Mill Run campus and organized with lots of helpers by Judy Cable. As always God and his team "did good".

The Women's 134th: as always God did a great work with his chosen leaders Rector Peggy Bryant and Assistant Deb Kackley. Their Spiritual Directors were; Father (Charlie) Charles Cotton, Reverend Bonnie Gerber and Deacon Pat Wiggins. The closing was held at Our Lady of Victory with Melissa and Nathan Weaver as the OLV representatives and people from the Newman Center who were of great help to them. We again combined two congregations to be in charge of a closing. This enables some parishes that cannot have closings to participate in some way. So many thanks to the Newman people for their help at Our Lady of Victory and another successful closing!

Unfortunately as we all know, the Men's 144th had to be cancelled due to an insufficient number of candidates. I pray that we all got the message to get busy and get candidates for future weekends as this is such a downer for all but especially for the team that had gotten so closely bonded and really ready to serve our Lord. I am sure that God shed many tears over this as well.

The Women's 135th again with God in charge and his very able assistants of Rector Judy Unger and her Assistant Judy Cable. The Spiritual Directors for this weekend were; Father Mike Reis, Rev Ginny Ress and Deacon Gordon Kunkler. ***continued on page 7...***

A DAY TO REMEMBER

**Cum Christo presents
Father Vincent McKiernan, CSP**

"Whenever one attends a presentation by Father Vinny it becomes a 'day to remember'".

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

January 20th 2007
Upper Arlington Church at Mill Run
3500 Mill Run Dr. Hilliard

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

*VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR VARIOUS DUTIES -
CONTACT JIM TO VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP!*

Box lunch will be provided!

Free will offering will be accepted at the event

8:30 registration
9:00 to 2:30 - program

***Experience the Fellowship of your Brothers and Sister's
of Cum Christo.***

Expect the Holy Spirit to illuminate your heart.

Register on line: *by January 15th*, email Jim Kearns at
daytoremember@cumchristo.org or send registration to

Jim Kearns: 116 Nottingham Rd
Columbus, OH 43214

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Weekend No. _____

Email _____

Cum Christo Music

Joe Meyer, M60

Music played a large role in many events in 2006. Last January music played a part in making the "Day of Refreshment" a spiritual day that I will always remember. We had a nice turn out of musicians that came together to play their instruments and praise and worship Jesus. For some of the musicians it was their first time to serve and give their talents away to the community. You always are blessed far more when you give. As Saint Francis say's. "For it is in giving that we receive."

My personal favorite moment of the day came when Reverend Scott Marier surprised us with a video presentation, a love story between a father and a son. It was a video of Dick Hoyt who pushed his son in an Ironman race. This was no ordinary race. Rick was strangled by his umbilical cord at birth, leaving him brain damaged and unable to control his limbs.

When Rick was 11, his family took him to Tufts University to explore if there was some way for him to learn to communicate. Their engineers designed a computer that allowed Rick to peck letters with a stick attached to the side of his head.

A charity run was organized for a high school classmate of Rick's who was paralyzed in an accident. Rick pecked out the words, "Dad, I want to participate in the run." Mr. Hoyt, who called himself a porker, pushed Rick in that race, and Rick typed out "Dad, when we were running, it felt like I was not disabled anymore."

The video went on to show Rick's dad, Dick, pushing his son in an iron man race. What an amazing moment it was to see father pulling his son Rick 2.4 miles while swimming with a rope attached to a raft with his son in it. He pushed his son's wheelchair 26.2 miles and pedaled his son 112 miles with Rick on the handlebars. As the scene was being portrayed the song, "I

Know My Redeemer Lives," was being sung in the background. I can tell you there wasn't a dry eye in the place. It gives me goose bumps when I recall that moment.

Another inspiring moment was the Spring Men's Closing at Mill Run Upper Arlington Lutheran. There were so many musicians that night. There were musical instruments of every kind. I was just blown away to see the Holy Spirit at work. It was not only a good moment for the musicians but also it was a blessing to the community to see so many musicians. Once again, I was blessed far more than I that evening.

This summer we had the surprise ordination anniversary party for Father Leo Connelly in Zanesville, Ohio. Again, we had a great turn out of musicians who gave of their talents to make a very special afternoon for Father Leo. Again, I was blessed and so was the community.

Tami Robbins has done a phenomenal job of organizing all the musicians to cover each month's Ultreyas. I can't thank Tami enough for the job she has done. Personally, I was blessed each time I came to Ultreya. One moment that stood out in particular was a Wednesday this summer when I was delayed on I-270 and I-670 in a major hail storm. I wasn't sure if I was going to make it to the center that evening. I'm glad I did because it was such a spirit filled evening. The witness speaker spoke to my heart and the singing was very uplifting.

Being a part of the music community, allows one to see so many different parts of Cum Christo. To see the faces of the community on Sunday morning of a weekend march up those stairs to serenade brings me to tears. I know I'm seeing Jesus my Lord in each and every face that comes up those stairs. To celebrate a brother or sister that has passed on to meet Jesus face to face in a De Colores service is amazing. Last April, we honored the passing of a long time cursillista, Dick Strubble. It was one of those special times.

I could continue with many moments,

but you get the picture how excited I am about this past year and how excited I am about the 2007 music ministry. We have room to grow. We have had new talent join us. We are still in need of more musicians. There are all kinds of opportunities to serve our community in music.

Know that we are not a group of musicians that focus on performance. We view the job of the music ministry in Cum Christo, as one that leads and facilitates others in prayerful worship. It's not about performance, but about allowing the Holy Spirit to illuminate our hearts and minds through our music. Music is an expression of prayer. It's a great way to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Please consider joining our music team. We need your talent, however big or small. The lyrics in the hymn **All Are Welcome**, express what we are about in Cum Christo, "Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayer of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place."

Please pray for our ministry and if you are interested in joining, please call me at 614-890-4007 or e-mail meyerjoe2000@yahoo.com. I would love to hear from you. De Colores!!



What Services Are Available on the Cum Christo Website?

Phil Turner, M107

Misplace your latest Quiri? View and download another.

Find out the "what & when" of upcoming special activities.

Read special announcements about Cum Christo.

Update your personal information for the CumChristo database/ mailing list including addresses, phone numbers, church affiliation, etc. by using the online form.

Advertise for a group or find a new person for your group.

Send palanca messages to Wednesday evening Ultreyas.

Volunteer for weekend kitchen duty.

Send an e-prayer to the Cum Christo prayer chain.

Download a weekend application.

Download the CumChristo brochure.

View the up-to-date candidate list for the upcoming weekends.

Find out who the CumChristo contact persons for your church.

Learn who's on the leadership and committees of CumChristo.

Scout other interesting websites on the links page.

There is even an online Bible search tool.

These are just a few of the services available on your Cum Christo website.

When you have a few minutes, sit down at your computer and take a tour of "<http://www.cumchristo.org>". Information changes often, put Cum Christo in your web browser's favorites (or bookmarks) and visit it frequently.

The Cum Christo
Annual Dinner &
Silent Auction



Western Hoedown

Saturday, February 24, 2007

Holiday Inn on the Lane
328 West Lane Avenue
294-4848

6:30 PM - ??

Dinner will be "Chuck Wagon Buffet Style"

Live music provided by DJ-Shock Wave Sounds

New gift items, baskets and gift certificates are needed for the auction! Donations accepted now!

Call Sue at 771-6830; sueann-s@cm-media.com or
Jenny at 777-5580; jennymheld@aol.com

Or bring your item to the center marked "AUCTION"



Cost: \$25 per person

Name(s) _____

Attending _____ Phone # _____

To reserve a table for 8: Please designate ONE person's name to hold the reservation and ask all those at the table to refer to that name when making their reservations.

___ Yes, place this reservation for a table of 8 under the name:

Mail your reservation and check payable to Cum Christo to:
c/o Jenny Moore; 4363 Hickory Wood Dr.; Columbus, Ohio 43228

A Note of Thanks

Dear Cum Christo Community,

Thank you very much for initiating raising money for our family through the Cum Christo Community. It is very much appreciated.

I don't mind sharing with you that a few days prior to receiving your gift, I was down on my knees asking God for strength and creative ideas to help manage my additional expenses. Please extend my heartfelt thank you to everyone.

Sincerely,
Amy Barezinsky

Amy is the mother of Rachel Barezinsky, a high school student who was shot. Saint Anthony had taken up a collection for the family. This money was stolen prior to our closing. Due to some fast thinking by several cursillistas, a collection was taken at the Women's 135th closing. God, Please keep your healing hand on Rachel.



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

FOR THOSE BEGINNING THEIR 5TH DAY - Jesus, Thank you for placing these beautiful lights in our lives and community. Rena Asmo, W6, wife of Danny, M9 (10/12/2006).

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. Roger Veith, mother of Judy Stapelton, W124, Eileen Aunt to Jan Bunton, Bernie uncle of Chris Hauck, DW, Lisa the younger sister of Tom Nance and Karen Cheatham, Jim Calo, Larry Culp.

FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER - Matt, Cindy, Lyndal Orser, Martina Jakob, Bernie, Eleanor, Jay Albrink, Tolu Jr., Debbie Kackley, Liz Noe, Mary Bennett, Patty Haney.

FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS OR ACCIDENTS - Laura Kent, Keith Brunton, Cynthia Elliott, Jessica, Pete, Ruth Woolpert, Tom Niedzielski, Ruth Wise, JL, KL, Liz, Sheila, Charlie, Ricky, Don, Cheri, Corrin, Terry W. Wesley Walker, Jackie, Elaine, Betty.

FOR THOSE UNDERGOING SURGERY - Holy Spirit, lift up these individuals and the doctors and medical staff that will be taking care of them. Mary, Priscilla, Nicki, Joy, Triva, Irene Williams, Sheila, Jenni, Bert Kram, Geraldine, Nathan Weaver, Bob, Cille, Mary Liszky, Nicole, Mary B.

FOR THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN - Hannah, Anna, Chad, Patrick, Andrew, Caleb Howard, Alice, Teresa, Bernadette, Sofia, Tyler, Veronica, Katherin Calo.

FOR THOSE INTERVIEWING - Lauren, Jamie.

FOR THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE AND FATHER VINNY.

FOR THOSE HAVING DIFFICULTY IN THEIR JOB - Melissa Weaver, Ellen Massuros, Ray.

FOR THOSE BRINGING CHILDREN INTO THIS WORLD - Dear Lord, please help these women to remain health. Mandy, Heather, Tawnie, Debbie.

FOR THOSE WHO JUST NEED PRAYERS - Nic, the Kent Family, Karen and the Veith children, Debbie, Christine, Tom and Susan Willeke, Kathy Rex, Linda, Carolyn, the King Family, Sandy, Steve, Katy Kram, Chelsea, Camille and Chris, Elaine, Gae, Don and Pearl Peterson, Bob Kackley, Dana V., Cindi, the Wilson family, the Smiertka family, Betty, Deacon James Davis, Jen Melone, Anne and Chuck, Natalie and Tom.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY - Protect all individuals as they serve us here and abroad. Nick.

IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS FROM ALL OF YOU - A young man who had serious stomach problems. Things are going well. Sheila's procedure went well. A healthy baby boy and precious new grandson was born. Liz's cancer surgery went well. Praise Report! Jamie got the job! Praise God! Katherine came home. For the birth of Caleb and mother Molly.

This list of Hugs and Prayers has been compiled October 2006 through December 31, 2006. 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, February 4, 2007.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CUM CHRISTO PROGRAM

MAKE NEW FRIENDS THROUGH THE LEADERS SCHOOL WEEKEND

2007 LEADERS SCHOOL WEEKEND ORIENTATION:

May 11 & 12, 2007

or

November 9 & 10, 2007

Friday Evening, 6:30pm to 10:30 pm

Stay overnight if you wish

Saturday, 7:15 am to 12:30 pm



We encourage anyone who has made a weekend to participate. You will learn about the history of Cursillo and our own Columbus Cum Christo movement. It will also explain how the weekend works. Attending Leaders School also enables you to serve on future teams and in other Cum Christo leadership roles.

No matter how recently or how long ago you made your Cum Christo weekend, call for more information or to sign up. Contact Jim Kearns at ritajim@wideopenwest.com or 263-6410.

R.S.V.P. is REQUIRED

2007 Cum Christo Database Update Form (Please Print)

Last Name _____		First Name _____		Middle Initial _____
Street Address _____				
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City _____	State _____	Zip _____	Home Phone _____	
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E-mail _____			Work Phone _____	
Date of Birth _____		Occupation _____		
What is Your Religious Denomination? _____				
What Church do you currently attend? _____				
If there are other Cursillistas living in your household please name them:				
Name _____		Relationship _____		
Name _____		Relationship _____		

Weekend Number: _____

Men's Women's

Would you like to be included in the email Cum Christo Prayer Chain?

Yes No

Would you like to be a part of the Weekend Prayer Vigil?

Yes No

Please mail to:
Stacey Bergmann
1149 Ashland Ave.
Columbus, OH 43212

A Reflection

God'sCoffee - A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink.

What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other's cups. Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live.



Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us." God brews the coffee, not the cups.... Enjoy your coffee! "The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything." Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

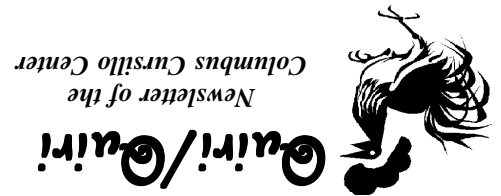
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Saint Anthony's had the closing with the assistance of Ascension Lutheran Church. Diane Hawkins, Sara and Andy Smith did a super job and again having two congregations was a gift to both of them and the community.

This is my farewell article as Nancy Meyer will be your new Weekend Representative. I will sit back and be her assistant until she selects a person to be her co-worker in this position. We decided this job is too great for one person so in the future there will be a lead and an assistant in line to be the next lead. I have truly been blessed by being in this role and it has been great fun getting to know many of you. So thank you all for the help you have been to me and please continue to be such for Nancy and the future weekend representatives. God bless.

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Cum Christo Dates to Remember

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



January 20, 2007
A Day to Remember

February 24, 2007
Silent Auction/Dinner Dance

March 8-11, 2007
Men's 144th Weekend

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 145th Weekend



October 25-28, 2007
Women's 137th Weekend

November 9-10, 2007
Leader School/Weekend Orientation

April 10-13, 2008
Men's 146th Weekend

May 15-18, 2008
Women's 138th Weekend

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

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

