

# Columbus Cum Christo

## Quiri Quiri

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### SPRING EDITION, 2016

#### Ultreya

Every Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

WWJD

Wednesdays With Jesus Downtown

#### Dates & Rectors of Future

##### Weekends

**Men's 159<sup>th</sup>:** April 7-10, 2016

*Rector: Steve Stroh*

**Women's 154<sup>th</sup>:** Apr 28-May 1, 2016

*Rector: Margaret DeWitt*

**Men's 160<sup>th</sup>:** September 15-18, 2016

*Rector: Jim Kearns*

**Women's 155<sup>th</sup>:** October 13-16, 2016

*Rector: Rita Kearns*

**Men's 161<sup>st</sup>:** TBD, 2017

*Rector: Brian Maloney*

**Women's 156<sup>th</sup>:** TBD, 2017

*Rector: Jenny Held*

**Men's 162<sup>nd</sup>:** TBD, 2017

*Rector: Jerry Cable*

**Women's 157<sup>th</sup>:** TBD, 2017

*Rector: Hope Boring*

#### Mission Statement

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

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#### From the *Interim* Lay Director

Ed Price M34

*Roundtable of Praise the Lord*

It was a great privilege to be asked to assist you as the *Interim* Lay Director for Cum Christo. In the depths of who I am, I wouldn't have taken on this role if I didn't have a clear vision for the Movement. I did so knowing the Movement can and will succeed. Like me, many of you may have concerns regarding our beloved Movement and where we are headed. I believe God is with us, that He is in our beloved Community, and that He is for us. Do you believe His grace never fails? If so, I never fear we have what it takes to make this Movement succeed for future generations. However, I also believe that Christ is counting on all of us to do our part. Without a Godly, gracious and generous Community we are in danger.

As a Community, we must let the Holy Spirit guide us and take us on the path he desires. People of God, we have the capacity to succeed if we truly desire to take bold steps in his name.

We are looking to all of you to sustain the Movement in several ways:

#1. We ask you to think back and reflect on your own Weekend experience. Meditate on the gift God entrusted you with.

#2. Let us all pray, get on our knees, and act as a lever of love and devotion for the Movement.

#3. Look into your heart of hearts and discern how you might financially and prayerfully support the Movement.

#4. We need your talents today to enrich the Movement going forward. Cum Christo is looking for a few good Cursillistas to assume Leadership positions. Is God Calling You?

#5. Study your environments and decide to take action today to lead men and women to make a Weekend. Pass on the gift that God has entrusted to you!

How many times have you heard that we must get off our knees and take action if we want God to do his part on our behalf? The time for action is now. Will you do your part to assure the Movement for the future?

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## **From the *Interim* Lay Director: (cont'd)**

I ask each of you to stop and reflect on one or two things that we must address over the next several months to energize this Movement and make it viable for years to come. Even further, let's get down to the needy gritty and ask ourselves what are the one or two things we can do "today" to assure the success of the Movement?

Ask yourself for example, why we are not attracting more candidates for the Weekends? Will we ever see a future where we have folks seeking us out and lining up to see how they can make a Weekend? It seems the more we question, the more we ask, and the more we study, we find ourselves at a loss to fill Weekends. Without Weekends, we face tougher questions, as to our future as a viable self-sustaining Movement within the Diocese.

Let me know your thoughts. Identify the one or two things you feel we must address to succeed as a Movement. What are the steps we need to take to make it happen? Who will take ownership?

As *Interim* Lay Director, I will be in the frying pan for a very limited time. So I ask you to be patient with my eagerness to serve. I will try to do everything out of love, to keep my eyes on Christ, and to see this Movement continue. Are you with me?

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## **From the *Past* Lay Director**

Julie Glowacki W79

Roundtable of Joyful Hope

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we continue our search for a new Lay Director for our Cum Christo Movement, Ed Price has generously and graciously agreed to serve as the interim Lay Director. We are most grateful to Ed for his willingness to serve our Movement. Jane Peden has made the same commitment to serve as the *Interim* Head of the Leaders School, and we thank Jane for her spirit of servanthood. Please keep both Ed and Jane in your prayers as they assume these new roles.

We are making good progress as we move forward in bringing new faces into leadership roles. There is some good news to share:

- Patti Olsen will serve as our new Applications Processor, beginning with our Fall Weekends. We thank Dan and Deb Hill for their many years of dedicated service in this position.
- Joe Perez will be the new Head of Pre Cum Christo. He takes over from Phil Roblee, who put in much hard work to update church contact lists and membership information. This information is of great value to the Movement, and we are grateful to Phil for his efforts.
- Thus far, we have received a number of "Willingness to Serve" applications from our Cursillistas who would like to serve on Weekend teams. This information has been forwarded to the Weekend Coordinators, who will share it with upcoming Rectors.

And finally, on a personal note – I have been blessed by the privilege of serving our Cum Christo Movement as Lay Director, and the opportunity to know and work with many of our faith-filled and devoted members. Know that the Movement and its people will always be in my prayers.

De Colores,  
Julie Glowacki

## **Post Cum Christo**

John Hodges M137

*Roundtable of The Seekers*

**Satellite Ultreyas** continue to be very popular with our members. Average attendance at the four (4) Satellite Ultreyas in 2015 was 68 compared to 33 at the rest of the Ultreyas. The next Satellite Ultreya will be held at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Hilliard on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The next two after that date will be at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Bexley on June 29<sup>th</sup> and the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church in New Albany on September 7<sup>th</sup>. If your church is interested in hosting a Satellite Ultreya, please contact me at JPHodges@aol.com.

We are always looking for volunteers to serve on Monthly Ultreya Teams. Monthly **Ultreya Team members** attend formation meetings in the prior month and then, serve in one of four (4) team roles during each of the Ultreyas in their designated month. Those roles include Rector, Palanca Reader, Greeter and Steward. Monthly Ultreya teams typically have 6-8 members, which provides some flexibility if members cannot attend all the meetings. If the Spirit moves you, we would also encourage you to share your walk with Christ by being a **Witness Speaker** at one of the Ultreyas. Your witness talk only needs to be 3–10 minutes. Please contact me at JPHodges@aol.com if you are interested in either of these opportunities to serve.

I encourage anyone who is seeking to join a Group or any existing Group seeking to add new member(s) to post their request to our Cum Christo website - [www.CumChristo.org](http://www.CumChristo.org). Simply click on the "Grouping" tab on the left hand side of the home page and follow the instructions to post your request.

### **Survey Summary**

Thanks to the 400+ Cursillistas who responded to the survey conducted last October. Statistical results include:

- 43% male, 57% female;
- 1/3 made Weekend before 1990, 1/3 between 1990 and 2005, 1/3 after 2005;
- 61% of respondents are grouping regularly;
- Most people grouping are not interested in adding people to group;
- Only 1/3 of the people NOT grouping would like to find a group;
- Only 11% regularly attend Ultreya and 75% seldom/never attend;
- Holding more Satellite Ultreyas and scheduling Ultreyas less frequently may increase participation;
- 38% have never sponsored a candidate, 49% have sponsored 1-5 candidates;
- 57% have attended Weekend Orientation (aka Leader School); and
- Dinner Dance and Family picnic are two (2) top suggestions for "new" events.

Four open-ended questions were asked to obtain improvement suggestions for Leadership and reasons why people choose not to be more involved in the Cum Christo (CC) movement. The 700+ comments made were combined into 20 categories and are summarized below:

- 79 comments indicated that they (Cum Christo members) were heavily involved in their parishes, other Christian activities, or family functions, which precluded them from participation in CC;
- 65 comments were made regarding the Weekend including:
  - Seems the same people get to serve on Weekend teams (13 comments);
  - Improve the format of the Weekend (16);
  - Shorten the weekend to accommodate busy work schedules of candidates (8);
  - Had a negative experience on the Weekend – thought it was going to be a retreat (7); and
  - Suggested allowing short opportunities for electronic connectivity (4);

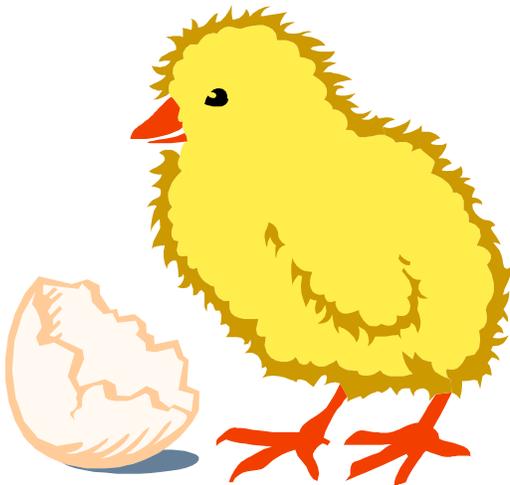
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## Survey Summary (cont'd):

- 64 comments called for new Leadership and felt that the Movement should adhere to its own By-Laws in regard to term limits;
- 49 comments regarding Ultreya included: having more Satellite Ultreyas, starting a half hour earlier, having fewer Ultreyas (once or twice/month), seeing more of the Leadership at Ultreya and refreshing the script;
- 33 comments about Grouping ranged from pure elation about the process to frustration in finding or maintaining a group;
- 30 comments on Ecumenism, 20 of which indicated that the Movement needs to be more ecumenical and 10 indicated it should be more Catholic and get back to its Cursillo roots;
- 30 comments indicated we need to get younger people/Cursillistas involved in the Movement;
- 28 comments indicated that strict adherence to questionable rules (i.e., kitchen restrictions) was driving people away from Cum Christo;
- 28 people indicated that health issues and/or old age were deterring them from greater participation;
- 23 comments about facilities, mostly indicating we should find a new space for Weekends and other Cum Christo activities;
- 20 people said they were disenchanted by the unwelcoming, un-Christian attitude of some other Cursillistas; and
- Other comments included: concerns for dwindling number of Spiritual Directors (15), suggestions to have family friendly events (8), personal introspection with no actionable suggestions (72), how to improve communications (22) and more community outreach (8)

The Leadership team is in the process of prioritizing the suggestions in order to make improvements to our beloved Cum Christo Movement. There is a sense of urgency to get many things done, so we ask for your patience and support as the important work of revitalizing our Cum Christo Movement takes place. Leadership sincerely appreciates your participation in the Cum Christo survey.

De Colores,  
John Hodges



Welcome to the Babe Chicks of the  
Women's 153<sup>rd</sup>

Tammy Baron, Toni Brehm, Julie Carmona,  
Sandy Gill Clark, Kathryn Crider, Linda Daley,  
Paula Dubosh, Vicki Grunewald, Joanna Huffer,  
Gigi Golato, Raenita Kownacki, Rebecca Meravy,  
Maggie Michalski, Colleen O'Leary, Angie DeGoia Perez,  
Cathy Plakis, Karen Smith, Mary Ann Thissen,  
Sharen Turney and Edna Whitacre

## **TREASURER**

Cheryl A. Brown W124

*Roundtable of Abundance of Joy*

Highlights of the Cum Christo Year 2015 Financial Report:

The 2016 Sustaining Fund Campaign has received \$14,215 towards our goal of \$35,000. Our goal of \$35,000 is the bare minimum that Cum Christo needs to meet our annual operating expenses for 2016.

In addition, Cum Christo has the Peggy Bryant Memorial Scholarship with \$3,770.00 funds available and we're hoping to grow that account with additional memorial funds throughout 2016. If you need to access the scholarship funds, a request outlining your reasons for needing a scholarship should be written and attached to your Weekend Application for processing as well as consideration.

If you have not given to the 2016 Sustaining Fund Campaign, **please** consider a gift soon to help us reach our goal of \$35,000.00.

**Please Note:** If you are sponsoring a candidate for the Weekend, the cost is now \$150.00 and must be paid, submitted with the Weekend Application. A Weekend Application will not be accepted or considered without the \$150.00 payment attached.

***As a reminder,*** if you have not signed up for the Kroger Points Rewards – now is the time. By signing up, Cum Christo receives quarterly 1% of what is being spent at Kroger's of those registered. Best part is that registering does not affect your Gas Points! Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) to register. Be sure to **re-register every year** for your points to go to Cum Christo. Our total has slipped recently to \$60.00 per quarter for Cum Christo from \$125.00 per quarter.

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

De Colores, Cheryl

<b><u>Ending Cash Balances</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
Checking	\$ 13,061.59	\$ 3,614.55	Rent	\$19,600.00	\$16,837.70
Savings in Bank	\$105,209.13	\$109,373.15	Utilities	\$ 723.01	\$ 795.15
			Postage	\$ 3,489.00	\$ 1,982.00
Total	<u>\$118,270.72</u>	<u>\$112,987.70</u>	Printing	\$ 2,832.48	\$ 3,858.75
			Maintenance & Equipment	\$ 3,932.79	\$13,399.45
			Insurance	\$ 1,379.00	\$ 1,174.97
<b><u>Annual Revenues</u></b>			Event Expenses	\$ 6,722.10	\$12,364.20
Weekend Income	\$ 12,671.40	\$ 17,376.00	Other	<u>\$ 2,572.14</u>	<u>\$ 705.40</u>
Sustaining Fund Deposits	\$ 15,084.82	\$ 25,962.45	Sub Total	\$41,250.52	\$51,117.62
Scholarship Fund Deposits	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,545.00			
Event Income	\$ 6,559.40	\$ 8,930.31	<b><u>Weekend Expenses</u></b>		
Rental Income	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 1,200.00	Food & Beverage	\$ 4,675.24	\$ 7,498.74
Reward Points Income	\$ 655.41	\$ 524.77	Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 9,811.33</u>	<u>\$ 2,620.52</u>
Other Income	\$ 148.87	\$ 9,204.42	Sub Total	\$14,486.57	\$10,119.26
Donation of Services:	<u>\$ 64.01</u>	<u>\$ 779.18</u>	<b><u>Building Improvements</u></b>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,700.00</u>
Total Cash Revenue	<u>\$ 37,603.91</u>	<u>\$ 65,522.13</u>			
			<b><u>Total Cash Expenditures</u></b>	<u>\$56,937.09</u>	<u>\$63,936.88</u>
			<b><u>Net Cash Flow</u></b>	<u>(\$19,333.18)</u>	<u>\$ 1,585.25</u>

## **Upcoming Men's 158<sup>th</sup> Weekend,**

**April 7 - 10, 2016**

### **The Team**

**Rectors:** Steve Stroh and Randy Rich

**Clergy:** Fr. Charlie Cotton, Rev. Scott Marier and Deacon Joe Meyer

**Table Leaders:** Phil Bowen, Mike Chambers, Bob Franz III (musician), John Hodges, Jim Keating,  
Tim Keller, Paul Milsom and Mark Shy

**Weekend Servants:** Yvette Pederson and Jenn Flanagan

## **Upcoming Women's 154<sup>th</sup> Weekend,**

**April 28 – May 1, 2016**

### **The Team**

**Rectors:** Margaret DeWitt and Kay Gilletly

**Clergy:** Fr. Pat Toner, Rev. Bonnie Frost and Deacon Tony Bonacci

**Table Leaders:** Linda Abraham, Donna Andriot, Lucia (Giammarco) Arcamo, Carol Bajorek, Sue Glander,  
Kathy Harbold (musician), Michelle Lawlor, Jane Peden and Donna Rimmer.

**Weekend Servants:** : Dave Hopkins and Mike Schaublin

**PLEASE NOTE: Please check the website *often* for:**

- **Candidate names;**
- **Prayer Vigil List:**
  - **it will be posted on the website as we get closer to each respective Weekend;**
- **Closing location information;**
- **Sponsor pre-closing and post-closing information; and**
- **Weekend Announcements.**



***Cum Christo is looking for a few good Cursillistas to assume Leadership positions. Is God Calling You?***

*Open Positions*

*The Calling*

- + Lay Director
- + Leaders School Director
- + Leaders School Member
- + Leaders Discernment Team
- + Rectors
- + Weekend Team Members
- + Permanent Ultreya Team (PUT)

Christ is counting on YOU!

- ❖ Listen to your heart.
- ❖ Listen to others.
- ❖ The desire to share your gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ The desire to imitate Christ.
- ❖ Being a humble servant leader of Christ.
- ❖ Being prayerful.
- ❖ A passion for helping others.
- ❖ The desire to be in communion with others.

To inquire more deeply, please go to the ***Cum Christo Call to Leadership*** on the Cum Christo website, or, contact the Leader Discernment Team at: [bfranzjr@gmail.com](mailto:bfranzjr@gmail.com).

Christ is counting on YOU!

# *The Cum Christo Call*

It is always a blessing, honor and privilege to serve God in any capacity in the Cum Christo Movement. Our Cum Christo Weekend taught us that we do not serve for our own glorification, but for the glorification of God and the salvation of others. We live what it means to be a Christian. We live in the life of Grace.

When we seek to serve God as a servant-leader in Cum Christo, we should first pray and reflect seeking to do God's will. When we prepare a *Letter of Desire to Serve* the Cum Christo Movement, we should pray that this is a calling and should treat the calling with awe, reverence and respect.

## **IMMEDIATE CALL for the Leadership Positions of Lay Director and Leaders School Director:**

These two leadership positions require a three calendar year commitment.

**The Call for a Lay Director for years: *currently, 2016 thru 2018/19; staggered with the Leaders School Director's term.***

### Specific qualifications and duties of the Lay Director:

#### **By-Laws IV., Article III.A., page 5**

##### Purpose:

- to provide a single point of leadership and responsibility for the Movement;
- to ensure that the Catholic origins and focus of Cum Christo are maintained; and
- to see to the adequate operation, financial well-being, and public image of the Movement.

##### Membership:

- the Lay Director shall be Roman Catholic and may be an individual or married couple.

##### Qualifications:

- In addition to the qualifications listed in Article II and on page 2 of the Letter of Intent to Serve, the candidate shall have: completed two years on Leaders School, demonstrated an exemplary Christian life, participated in Cum Christo in a variety of leadership capacities over time and demonstrated leadership in his/her Church and work environments.

#### **Guidelines Article III., pages 2-3**

##### The Lay Director:

- chairs the Board of Trustees and Secretariat meetings;
- is a member of Leaders School;
- works closely with the Weekend Coordinator for success of each Weekend;
- speaks to each Weekend Team to reinforce the Rector's position and to state current policy and guidelines;
- conducts the team commissioning service in coordination with the Weekend Coordinator;
- makes announcements and welcomes new babe chicks at each Weekend closing;
- maintains communications with the Cum Christo Community to explain and implement the By-Laws and Guidelines;
- attends official and social Cum Christo functions;
- reviews and approves the content of all official Cum Christo correspondence;
- writes a regular article in the Quiri which addresses current situations; and
- prepares an annual end-of-year report to the Community.

Submit your ***Letter of Desire to Serve*** immediately.

**The Call for a Leaders School Director for years: *currently, 2016 thru 2018/19; staggered with the Lay Director's term.***

Specific qualifications and duties of the Leaders School Director:

**By-Laws VI., Article V.B.,** pages 7-8

Purpose:

- to keep the purpose of Cum Christo – living what is fundamental for being a Christian – at the forefront of the Movement;
- to be responsible for the spiritual formation, guidance, and ongoing study of the core elements of the Movement;
- to be responsible for the programmatic content of the Cum Christo Weekend; and
- to coordinate and synthesize the work of Pre-Cum Christo, Weekend, and Post-Cum Christo and to assist in the implementation of these Sections' plans, as well as those of the Secretariat.

Qualifications:

- In addition to the qualifications listed in Article II and on page 2 of the Letter of Intent to Serve, the candidate shall have: completed two years on Leaders School, demonstrated an exemplary Christian life, participated in Cum Christo in a variety of leadership capacities over time and demonstrated leadership in his/her Church and work environments.

**Guidelines VI.,** pages 5-6

The Leaders School Director:

- presides at all Leaders School meetings and coordinates all efforts and functions of Leaders School;
- attends all Board of Trustee and Secretariat meetings;
- coordinates and presents the educational components of Leaders School Weekend Orientation and Rectors School;
- informs Secretariat of ongoing studies, programs, and recommendations within Leaders School; and
- interacts with and helps coordinate proposed amendments within Pre-Cum Christo, Weekend, and Post-Cum Christo before being brought before Leaders School.

Submit your ***Letter of Desire to Serve*** immediately.

**The Call for Cum Christo Leaders School Members:**

Specific qualifications: See the **By-Laws Article II** page on the Cum Christo Website.

**The Call for Cum Christo Leader Discernment Team at-large Members:**

Submit a *Letter of Desire to Serve* and a *Letter of Qualifications*.

**The Call for Cum Christo Weekend Team Rectors:**

Submit a *Letter of Desire to Serve*.

**The Call for Cum Christo Weekend Team Members:**

Submit your *Letter of Desire to Serve*.

**The Call for Cum Christo Permanent Ultreya Team Members (PUT):**

Contact John Hodges, the Post-Cum Christo Coordinator, at 614-395-1739 or [jphodges@aol.com](mailto:jphodges@aol.com).

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**We lift our prayers in Thanksgiving**

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

**We Lift UP**

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