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Why Cum Christo Works From Lay Director Sally Zuccaro W58

This summer edition is what we refer to as our "**Teaching Issue**." You'll find information pertaining to all the different sections of Cum Christo. Make an effort to set aside some time to read these articles written by members of Secretariat, providing their views on Cum Christo and why this movement works.

Spiritual Directors

You are invited to be guests of the Cum Christo Community at: **Dinner With the Bishop** On Tuesday, Oct. 8th.

The lay community is also invited to participate at a cost of \$25 per person. Call Joe Petrelli, 876-9428, for more details.

Ten Sponsor Guidelines Reprint from Terry Walsh M98

- 1. Select appropriate candidates**
Follow the candidate selection criteria: a baptized member of a mainstream Christian denomination, affirmed by their pastor, in good spiritual, emotional, physical, mental and moral condition capable of being a leader in their environment.
- 2. Explain the weekend**
Explain the scope of the weekend in its entirety. Explain the purpose of the weekend. Explain what goes on including the talks, discussions, posters, the busy schedule, the abundant food, church services, community support, etc. You need not spoil surprises, but avoid secrecy and do not lie. You co-sign the application affirming you have done so.
- 3. Explain grouping**
Be certain that the candidate has an understanding of what is meant by Group Reunion, and that they will be asked to commit to grouping after the weekend.
- 4. Clean the center**
Come to the center for clean-up on both the Monday preceding and immediately following the weekend. If unable to show up, you must find a substitute.
- 5. Deliver your candidate**
Bring your candidate to the center on Thursday night, help them find their beds, tour the building, and drop them off at the entrance to the lounge.

6. Do Palanca

Do General Palanca for all the candidates and team. Do Personal Palanca for your candidate. Write your candidate a letter informing them of the palanca. Mark your envelope "from sponsor." This personal palanca will be distributed Saturday afternoon.

7. Sing at the Serenade

Participate in the serenade on Sunday morning.

8. Attend the Closing

Come to the Closing on Sunday night. After it take your candidate home. Listen to them.

9. Follow-up for one year

Sponsors commit to one year of nurturing their candidate. Help assimilate them into the community. Bring them to the initial three Ultreyas. Keep them coming for a year. Frequently come yourself.

10. Get your candidate grouping

Sponsors have the expressed obligation to get their candidate into a permanent group. This is not easy if you are inactive, so be active in a group yourself.

Ultimately, sponsors are responsible for choosing neither needy candidates for whom the weekend would be good, nor candidates who would be good for the movement—but rather candidates who would be good for their environments. *Choose leaders from environments who will return to those environments to Christianize those environments.*

**SCHEDULE CHANGE
FOR NEXT MEN'S WEEKEND
(See Page 5)**

Ultreyafest

**AUGUST 7, 2002 @ 6 PM
(Wednesday)**

Cursillo Center parking lot

Everyone welcome: family, friends, neighbors,
prospective candidates



*Grilled Brats, Hotdogs & Hamburgers
Bountiful Beverages Provided
A-G --Bring a Yummy Dessert
H-Z --Bring a Tasty Side Dish*

Guardian Angels
Joe Petrelli M82

Each Cum Christo weekend is a joy to the Lord, the community, the team and the Babe Chicks. Each one is the best ever. Given the consistency of the weekend and Rollo messages, how do we account for the fact that we believe that our weekend was the most unique weekend ever? Prayer.

Many tend to think of Cum Christo weekends as starting on a Thursday night. However, team formation, facility preparation, and supply procurement start weeks if not months ahead of the weekend date. Clearly, something must then focus the community, candidates and team on the weekend experience. Prayer from Guardian Angels focuses us.

The Ultreya prior to a weekend is "Guardian Angel Night," a tangible reminder that the Lord's work, in the form of a Cum Christo weekend, is near. On that Wednesday night, each team member and candidate name is selected by a Guardian Angel. The Guardian Angel prays and does palanca and over the course of the weekend shares that palanca.

Must the palanca be earth shattering or monumental? No, quite the contrary, palanca, while often tangible is typically mundane. Examples include completion of a chore that has been postponed, completion of a household task that is unpleasant, dropping a note to a friend, etc., all wrapped in prayer. The Guardian Angel's note is due to the Center before 10:00 AM on the Saturday of the weekend, labeled "Guardian Angel." Why is each weekend so powerful and moving? I submit that when Guardian Angels set the standard for the Fourth Day – assisting others, praying for others, doing something that you do not have to do so that others can see and feel the presence of the Lord – then one must have a great weekend.

The Guardian Angel's effort extends beyond the Wednesday Ultreya. This effort is so important that the Ultreya rector's notes contain the statement: "Please do not take a name unless you are certain that you will be able to fulfill this responsibility as a Guardian Angel."

Important stuff this Guardian Angel business. So important, you should not attempt it unless you can complete it. Christ is counting on you.

Service Sheet/Grouping Card
John Zuccaro M68

Group Reunion will keep your faith alive.

Using the service sheet reminds us of the essentials of grouping. Through Piety, we grow to love Christ more. With Study, we learn to know Christ better and by Action we become Christ's servants. "Christ is counting on you" to be His instrument to save the world.

Grouping is something to look forward to each week. Having the chance to meet with people who are dear to us, people with whom we share common interests outside of our job or family. People whose company we just plain enjoy! People who listen.

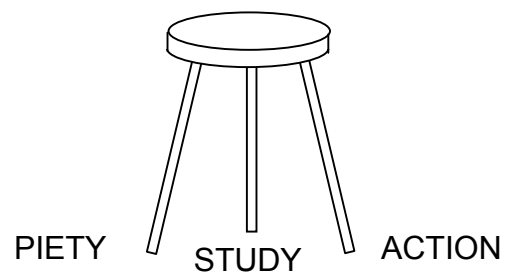
All of these things are good and important, but the one special ingredient is that Christ is also there with us ... after all, that is the real reason we meet. Remember His words "where two or three are gathered together for my sake, there I am in their midst."

Just as we did on our weekend, and as we do at the Ultreya Flying Group, begin by reciting the prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love ..." As so, we grow to know intimately and to share deeply with those in our Group and a bond of strength and trust develops as we know that what is spoken remains in confidence with our Group.

Soon it becomes natural and easy to share our Piety – how and where we saw Christ during the past week, that close moment with Him. What we may have read or heard that taught us more and brought us closer to Him. And what we were able to do as Apostolic Action to serve Him better.

The Service Sheet quite simply states all that we need to know to follow Christ:

- PIETY – "Apart from Me you can do nothing"
- STUDY – "If you understand God's Gifts"
- ACTION – "I will make you fishers of men"



Palanca – Only By Grace
Ted Sawyer M71

Recall the love and joy you felt from the Palanca offered up for your weekend. Palanca is a gift from God. It comes like Grace, freely given yet undeserved. The purpose of Palanca is to bring others closer to Jesus.

The word "Palanca" is a Spanish word meaning "lever." Just as a lever helps one to move something beyond human strength, Palanca empowers us to do that which is possible only through God's grace. It moves a candidate closer to God. It encourages a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

True Palanca honors and glorifies God and will often remind the recipient of Jesus, of His love and of His sacrifice. A gift or letter that does not do this is not Palanca. Palanca, in fact, is done without even writing about it. *Palanca is the act of sacrifice and/or intercessory prayer, and not the note, letter or gift communicating it.* It is between God and the one doing the Palanca alone. It is for the candidate, offered up for his or her sake. I have too often forgotten this intercessory nature of Palanca. It enables us to reach out and draw others into God's presence. It is a sign of our life in relationship to our loving Father.

Just as our common humanity binds us together, Palanca makes us aware of the greater Cum Christo Community bound together. Recall how awed and humbled we were upon learning that so many others, many strangers at the time, were making sacrifices and praying for us, just for us!

As beautiful as it was (and continues to be) to experience this unity of the body, Palanca also highlights the diversity of the body of its members. This is why it can take so many forms. Each of us could give many examples of what sacrifices and prayers were lifted up for us, and how they touched us. Take a moment and bask in the beauty and warmth of these memories. For me, the image of a sister in Christ praying on her arthritic knees, a brother sharing himself with an unloving, even hostile, resident at a convalescent center, a father going to his son and asking forgiveness after so many years, are reminders of gracious, redemptive acts which I will never forget. God really is love ... and God is so good.

Palanca is a denial of self and a "yes" to Jesus' request "feed and tend my sheep." When we do Palanca, we are thankful that our God keeps promises. The poor will hear the good news. The broken-hearted will be healed. The captives will be set free. The blind will see. The mourners will be comforted.

When considering what form our personal Palanca may take, some appropriate questions to

ask are: Have I prayed for what God wants me to do? Has the Father been leading, even hounding, me to do something which I have been avoiding? Does Jesus want me to minister in a new way for Him? What act of service am I most uncomfortable with?

When we pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance on our choices, we may be often surprised where it leads us. Will it be to a prison to visit an inmate? Will it be to the home of a shut-in to clean the house, buy groceries, mow the lawn, or change a diaper? Will it be to the home of a grieving family who has lost a loved one? Will it be to endure an injustice with patience? Will it just be to visit a sick person, an accident victim, a homeless person, or someone who feels alone or unloved? Assuredly, it will be God's plan. What Jesus would do? The Spirit working in the world. It will also be uniquely you and the hearts of others will be touched deeply, forever by your sharing and love.

Palanca Prayer

Gracious Father, may Palanca always be in response to Your love for us. With an increased awareness of needs around us, from a greater openness and willingness to respond to these needs wherever we find them, with a joyful spontaneity in reflecting God's grace in and Jesus' sacrifices for our lives. May our prayers and sacrifices always be given with thankfulness and humility, thankful for and humbled by the reality of the greatest sacrifice ever given for us, the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus in giving His life for us. Father, help us to always remember and rejoice in the certainty that through your grace, our Palanca will always cause another to turn their eyes upon Jesus. As they gaze at His wonderful face may the things of earth draw dim in the light of His glory and grace. Amen.

Day Steward Duties
Terri Turner W101

On a Cum Christo weekend, Day Stewards see to feeding the body as the weekend feeds the soul. In performing the duties, the Day Steward is an integral part of the weekend schedule. The rector oversees every aspect of the weekend, even the kitchen. Adapting to the timing of the weekend is crucial. Changing times for meals or having the kitchen crew help in other areas can mean ministering to someone who needs it, or getting to bed earlier after Fiesta, and getting to Closing on time. The Day Steward follows these requests without question because the rector is in charge, tuned into the timing of the weekend.

The kitchen coordinator schedules the volunteers, and the food procurement person sets up the supplies and menus for the weekend. The Day Steward's role is to see that the meals happen and that the kitchen crew cooks, serves and cleans the meals on time. The Day Steward also handles emergencies, such as running out of ice, and special diets.

Not only is Day Stewarding great palanca, but it is also a wonderful way to get to know the community personally. The Day Steward witnesses the changes in the Babe Chicks and team as the weekend progresses. They are a part of the weekend in the role of servant.

Training to be a Day Steward is easy. Training consists of just a few hours reviewing the guidelines for food and meals, and going over the physical aspects of the kitchen like finding supplies and lighting the stove. Then the trainee is teamed up with an experienced steward on a weekend until

they feel comfortable in the kitchen. As often as possible, there is a pair of Day Stewards in the kitchen each day of the weekend. A team of eight persons is needed to cover one weekend. Contact the Kitchen Coordinator if you are interested.

Sustaining Fund
Becca Schott W120

Thanks to the generosity of so many in our Cum Christo community, this year's Sustaining Fund drive now stands at **\$13,305**. We've established a goal of **\$25,000** for the Sustaining fund this calendar year. At mid-year, we are already more than half way toward our goal.

The sustaining fund is used to cover our annual operating expenses for weekends, weekly Ultreyas, special programs and facility costs at the center.

If you haven't yet made a contribution this calendar year, please prayerfully consider doing so. Checks should be made payable to:

Cum Christo
P. O. Box 163712
Columbus, Ohio 43216-3712.

Memorial Donations may also be made in memory or in honor of a loved one. Memorial fund donation forms are available at the center and will soon be posted on the website.

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Weekend Closing Church
Nancy Santoro W22

As you think about your Cursillo/Cum Christo weekend, you probably can recall the experience of walking into the church in which the Closing for your weekend took place. The overwhelming surprise and joy of seeing the broader Cum Christo Community present to greet you into your Fourth Day is something that remains as a very special memory of a Cursillo/Cum Christo Weekend for many of us. Perhaps you have wondered just how the Closing churches are selected and what it takes to host a Closing.

The selection of a church for each Closing is the responsibility of the Weekend Representative. Rectors and Assistant Rectors are asked for their recommendation for a church for the Closing of their particular weekend. If they have no specific church in mind, the Weekend Representative makes the selection. The Church Contact Persons from various churches are called and presented with the request that their Cum Christo Community host a Closing. It is then up to the Contact Person, after discussing the request with some members of their Cum Christo Community, to determine whether hosting the Closing is feasible considering the size of the church, the availability of a large enough space to accommodate the reception for 200-250 people and whether the Cum Christo Community is large enough and active enough in that church. (It takes 15 or more people to easily host a Closing. Having fewer people is possible, but more hands make the job less difficult!)

Once it is determined that a Church will host a Closing, the Contact Person schedules the date on the Church Calendar and selects two (2) people from their Cum Christo Community to be in charge of the Closing. It is the responsibility of these two people to contact the members of their Cum Christo Community and invite them to help on the Closing Team. **HOSTING A CLOSING IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO REVITALIZE YOUR CUM CHRISTO FRIENDS IN YOUR CHURCH!**

Specific written guidelines are provided by the Weekend Representative. These include such responsibilities as:

- Attend a Pre-Closing Meeting with Rector, Assistant Rector and Weekend Representative sometime within a month of the Closing to make final arrangements.
- Set up and clean up the church (including the sound system)
- Select a person to read the scripture and lead the prayers in the church.

- Provide LARGE signs with table names for the Church and Reception.
 - Set up and clean up the reception area.
 - Prepare and provide food, drinks, decorations, and paper products for the reception.
 - Complete and return to the Weekend Representative a Closing Evaluation Form.
- Please prayerfully consider hosting a Closing in the years 2002 or 2003. If interested, contact Nancy Santoro at 846-3518.

Chapel Vigil Prayer
Chris Warren M62

Has your name ever magically appeared on the Vigil List for a weekend? Did you get assigned for 3:00 AM!? Well, Christ chose that time for you. Either you (and your spouse) were selected from a database of Cursillista who receive the Quiri, or you are a new Babe Chick who was assigned after your weekend. If you are a sponsor on that weekend or on the team and you should not have been on the Vigil List, please find a substitute.

Once you are on the Vigil List, what do you do? PRAY... Pray for the candidates... Pray for the team... Where? If at all possible between 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM, in the Center Chapel, *even if the candidates are present* (except for Saturday between 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM during for Table Visits.) There is something special about praying in the Chapel during the weekend when you can hear the weekend going on while you pray. Your presence is also a great physical witness of the prayer support being lifted up for the weekend.

Do you want to be on the Vigil List but your name never appears? You are! Even if your name does not appear on the Vigil List, you are encouraged to go to the Center Chapel and pray.

SCHEDULE ADJUSTED FOR WEEKEND

Since the Commissioning Service is now part of the Closing, the Sunday afternoon schedule has been adjusted.

The new schedule calls for the candidates to arrive at the Closing around 6:40 p.m.

Please be at the Closing Church, Ascension Lutheran for the next men's weekend, by **6:30 p.m.**, which is ½ hour earlier than in the past.

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HUGS AND PRAYERS

- For the Cum Christo leadership and those who perform jobs in the movement..
- For **Karl "Sonny" Beem** (M112) as he enters his fight against cancer.
- For **Deacon John Rericha** (M86) for his recovery after cancer surgery.
- For **Karen Rizzo** (W83) as she continues her battle against cancer.
- For **Don King** (M77), as he deals with challenging health issues.
- For the team and candidates for the Men's and Women's Fall weekends.
- In Thanksgiving for the babechicks of the Men's 135th.
- In Thanksgiving for the babechicks of the Women's 126th

WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2000-2003 and UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKENDS

Men's 136 th	Sept. 19-22, 2002
Women's 127 th	October 17-20, 2002
Men's 137 th	March 6-9, 2003
Women's 128 th	April 3-6, 2003
Men's 138 th	September 18-21, 2003
Women's 129 th	October 23-26, 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Wednesday 8:00 PM----	<i>Ultreya</i>
8/07/2002	Ultreyafest Picnic
11/03/2002	Fall Picnic
11/15-16/02	Weekend Orientation Training
12/18/2002	Yuletreya
01/25/2003	Annual Dinner/Silent Auction