



**September 2006 Edition
 Men's Weekend**

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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.

Deadline for the next Quiri printing is Sunday, October 1, 2006. Articles for the Quiri may be emailed to sbe@columbus.rr.com or mailed to Stacey Bergmann, c/o Cum Christo Center, P.O. Box, 163712, Columbus, OH 43216

Do you need to have your address changed for a Quiri/Quiri mailing? Changes may be emailed to: Kelly Di Cesare, kellyirene12@hotmail.com.

Things Change With Time

Lay Directors: Joe Di Cesare, M60 and Sukey Di Cesare, W48

We went to the funeral home to say goodbye to Sally Sheridan and hug Larry. They were leaders and presenters at our weekend orientations about 27 years ago. The concept and practice of Leaders School was a fairly new concept back then and they did a great job. The ride home provided us with time to reflect on just how much water has flowed under the bridge since them. One thing we needed to acknowledge for sure is that things change with time:

1. Our kids grew up and had kids
2. Our parish split
3. We had many different pastors.
4. We got angry with the Church
5. We reached a healing with our own Church
6. Left one family business and started another family business
7. We've lost one set of parents
8. We've lost several siblings
9. We moved from the country to the city

There have even been many changes in this movement experience that lit a fire under us 27 years ago.

1. Many lay directors and spiritual directors
2. Many grouping experiences
3. The many physical changes to our beloved Holy Cross School
4. Name change from Cursillo to Cum Christo
5. "Rules", documentation and "traditions" have doubled.
6. A new pope, a new bishop

Right now we are comfortable with all these changes. Perhaps the reason for this is that some things have not changed:

1. The cross that hangs on each Cursillistas neck.
2. We are still counting on Him
3. There is still joy and healing each week as we share with others how we succeed and how we fail in our piety, study and action.
4. Our hearts still cry when we gather and share a hug and a smile

"Our Father" after twenty-seven years is still "our Father" maybe even more so. De Colores

Music Update

Joe Meyer, M60

Last year when the musicians came together to discuss how the future leadership would organize the music at different functions such as Ultreya's, Serenade's, Fiesta's, Closings, and De-Colores 5'th Day Services, it was decided that we would divide the leadership up and have different people to lead each of these segments. So far the plan has exceeded the expectations of most people. The participation at closings, Serenades and special events has been exceptional! At Ultreya's we have musicians that have volunteered to lead and are scheduled in advance for the next 5 months. I would like to once again extend an open Cum Christo embrace to anyone new that has any musical talent to join us. Please know that our group is open to anyone who plays a musical instrument of any kind. The music is fairly simple to play. If you would like to come and join us at an Ultreya, we would love to have you. There are no tryouts. We accept any gift of talent that you would want to give us.

Jesus promised us when He said that when 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, there I will be in their midst. That same promise applies to us musicians. Yes the Holy Spirit does amazing things when 2 or 3 of us musicians come together to play and sing his praises. He is always there in our midst.

As I have mentioned in the past, we are not entertainers, we are there to just lead the music and make it a prayer. I guarantee you God will bless you when you decide to give away your talent to the community.

Marty Haugen expresses so well what we are about in our music ministry in the hymn "All Are Welcome" verse 5 the song goes, "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 come and join us as we proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place." De Colores!

Everything We Need

Reverend James M. Long, M90

Minister of Pastoral Care, First Community Church

"Teresa's Bookmark", St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

*Let nothing disturb you;
Let nothing make you afraid;
All things pass;
But God is unchanging,
Patience is enough for everything.
You who have God lack nothing.
God alone is sufficient.*

There is much in our world that disturbs us and makes us afraid. We live in a high stress environment with many internal and external challenges and threats. There are personal, financial, and vocational pressures. We are expected to live a variety of roles and expected to do them well. Whether we are a spouse, parent, friend, colleague, or worker, expectations are high and the fear and consequences of failure always present.

And yet, life has always had its challenges. Saint Teresa of Avila and her colleague, Saint John of the Cross, led tumultuous lives in Sixteenth Century Spain as they sought to reform the Carmelite Order. They advocated a simpler and more austere life centered on solitude and interior prayer, but they faced great opposition and persecution. Despite the challenges, Teresa could say with conviction that we have everything we need because "God alone is sufficient."

In the last book published before his death, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, Dr. Gerald G. May of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation asserts that "love is the core of everything in the theology of Teresa and John." (p. 50) Indeed, love permeates all of life and creation. It is "our true human nature" and "who we are." (p. 51)

Jesus gave us the Great Commandment saying that to love God and our neighbor as ourselves fulfills all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:34-40) However, we often feel separate from God and behave destructively to one another. Why is this? May argues that we are "asleep to the truth," not realizing "who we are" and "what we are for." Also, our love often is "misplaced," as we become attached to things that are not God. When we pursue things that are not from God, it eventually catches up with us.

May agrees that life often is unfair. Bad things happen to us whether or not we are good or have taken control of our lives or have made careful plans. But, he asserts that good things happen to us as well. We live because "God is our center . . . closer to us than we are to ourselves." (p. 196) Thus, like Teresa, we need not be disturbed or afraid. God has given us everything we need!



Service

Bill Pederson, M123

If your group is looking to do some physical palanca, working at the Cum Christo Center is the action you need! There are plans for small painting and remodeling projects. Please, also remember, we also need help cleaning the building before each of the weekends the Monday before and after each weekend. There is a new start time...cleanup will start at 6pm.

We are still looking for a volunteer to assist Sonny with a Service and Maintenance Turn-over File. This is a once in a life time chance to pick the brain of Sonny Beam. 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.

Cleaning of the building is an ongoing process. If your group would like to do some physical palanca, contact myself at umpirepederson@wowway.com or call 475-9234. Sonny Beam is another point of contact for work at the Center. Just knock on the door and he will be there.

The Men's 144th Cum Christo Weekend, scheduled for September 28 - October 1st ***was cancelled*** due to a lack of candidates.

Please pray for the team members who have been in formation for two months, and also for the 12 candidates we did have that God will allow them to attend the Spring 2007 men's weekend.

Due to the
cancellation of
the Men's
Weekend, all
members of
CumChristo are
asked to
concentrate on
finding
candidates for
the Women's
135th slated for
the end of
October.

POST CUM CHRISTO

Mary Tracy, W92

Change! – An important part of Cum Christo and it's continued growth. As I take over the responsibility of Post Cum Christo I step into the very capable and very well worn shoes of Jenny Held and thank her for years of loving service. Thankfully, she's not out of a "job" as she and Sue Shetler will continue handling the special events Post Cum Christo sponsors: Ultreyafest; Christmas in July; Christmas for Seniors (Dec. 16, 2006); Silent Auction/Dinner Dance (Feb. 24, 2007). Prayerfully consider being a part of any of these events -volunteers are always needed and it's a fun-filled opportunity to interact with and meet other Cursillistas.

This year's Ultreyafest was a wonderful success with 130 attendees. Beautiful weather, an abundance of food and many loving hands made it a memorable event for all ages.

Carol Urbanik has taken over the responsibilities of Ultreya Coordinator. The weekly Ultreyas provide a special time for Cursillistas to come together and share their piety, study and action. It's also a time for prayer, singing, socializing and simply enjoying a visit with your Cum Christo family and, of course, food! You can be a part of the journey by signing up to work an Ultreya team. It's a two-month commitment – the month prior to your Ultreya month is spent in formation building community. By joining PUT, Permanent Ultreya Team, (after completing Leader School Weekend Orientation) you can serve as a monthly team leader – come to a PUT meeting on the 4th Wednesday of every month and learn what we are all about. Future plans for PUT in 2007 include working with Pre Cum Christo and the church contacts and organizing individual churches to lead Ultreya teams. More info will be available soon. Please e-mail me: MaryBrigid@sbcglobal.net with any questions and/or suggestions.

With the help of the Holy Spirit who is ever present in all our endeavors, we will be able to continue to work together for the good of our community. De Colores!!



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

This list of Hugs and Prayers has been compiled through September 10, 2006.

FOR THOSE BEGINNING THEIR 5TH DAY - Jesus, Thank you for placing these beautiful lights in our lives and community. Sally Sheridan (W5) wife of Larry (M15), August 31. Monsignor Edward Healey, September 5.

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. Linda Murray's mother, Bruce, Charles "Gene" Peebles father of Natalie Craft, Ryan Miller, Dave Fogle, grandfather of Vince Ciola, Kay, Lucien Martel.

FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS OR ACCIDENTS - 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. Stephanie, JK, Tessie Capocci, Terry Kelley, Mary, Ann, Tom Niedzielski, Noreen, David Benjamin's mother.

FOR THOSE UNDERGOING SURGERY - Please lift up these individuals and the doctors and medical staff that will be taking care of them. Gene, Mary Jane Janke, Vicki Meyer, Bill Wilcox, Randy Ungar.

FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER - May you give both them and their families strength. Laura Luhn's father, Therese, Kathy Bohley.

FOR THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN - Collin Warren, Paige, Mindy, the Grant triplets, Heather DeSantis.

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

FOR ALL THOSE BRINGING CHILDREN INTO THE WORLD - Jessica and Brian, Jen and Grant Rice.

FOR THOSE WHO JUST NEED PRAYERS - Laura Luhn's mother, Matt, Deacon Larry Koebel, Tom & Judy Moore, Drew, Ed, Mary, and Tara Miller, Tessie Capocci's family, Kenny, Marie, Julie, Pete and Marcia Bohley, The Wheeler and Warren families.

FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS STARTING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR - Kathy Rex.



Spiritual Directors Appreciation Dinner

Come to the Spiritual Directors Appreciation dinner to say **DeColores!**

To our Spiritual Directors for all of their hard work and effort working with and for the Cum Christo community.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 24, 2006
6:30 P.M. Social Hour
7:15 Dinner

WHERE: The Cavello Center at
Saint Charles School
2010 East Broad Street

Our special guest will be Bishop Frederick Campbell!

Make your reservation by October 9th to:
Cum Christo; c/o Mary Tracy; 4012 Calder Court,
Columbus, OH 43221

I (We) will be attending the 2006 Spiritual Directors Appreciation Dinner on October 24th.

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

My (Our) weekend number(s): _____

Enclosed is our check for \$20 per person made payable to Cum Christo. Total enclosed: \$ _____

FOR ALL INTERVIEWING FOR NEW JOBS
- Nathan Weaver, Rick.

FOR THE TEAM AND CANDIDATES OF THE MEN'S 144TH WEEKEND.

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.

Dick Henley received good news on his first checkup since surgery.

Successful surgery for Bill Wilcox.

An American soldier injured in Iraq is recovering from a concussion.

Praise God! Vickie Meyer's surgery went well and recovery has been remarkable.

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 Cum Christo Center, P.O. Box, 163712, Columbus, OH 43216. Deadline for sending names to the center for the next Quiri/Quiri printing is Sunday, October 1, 2006.

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Cum Christo Dates to Remember

Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m - Ultreya

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

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

Look what's coming up!