

# Columbus Cum Christo

## Quiri Quiri

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WINTER EDITION, 2014

### Ultreya

Every Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
WWJD  
Wednesdays With Jesus Downtown

### Dates & Rectors of Future Weekends

- Men's 155<sup>th</sup>:** Mar 13-16, 2014  
*Rector: Jerry Abraham*
- Women's 150<sup>th</sup>:** April 3-6, 2014  
*Rector: Susan Willeke*
- Men's 156<sup>th</sup>:** October 9-12, 2014  
*Rector: Ed Price*
- Women's 151<sup>st</sup>:** Nov 13-16, 2014  
*Rector: Colleen Barta*
- Men's 157<sup>th</sup>:** March 12-15, 2015  
*Rector: Jack Frost*
- Women's 152<sup>nd</sup>:** April 16-19, 2015  
*Rector: Stacey Bergmann*
- Men's 158<sup>th</sup>:** October 1-4, 2015  
*Rector: Greg Bergmann*
- Women's 153<sup>rd</sup>:** Nov 12-15, 2015  
*Rector: Kathy Hodges*

### 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 Lay Directors

Julie Glowacki W79, Cliff Glowacki M88

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have much information to share with you for this issue of the Quiri! But first of all, let us all express our gratitude for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Cursillo/Cum Christo movement, and the beautiful celebrations of that anniversary that we have experienced thus far. Our opening Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Cross Church was truly the best possible way to open a Golden Anniversary celebration. Six of our Spiritual Director Priests concelebrated that Mass, and they were joined by five Deacons and two of our Protestant Spiritual Director Pastors. Holy Cross Church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season, our faithful musicians led us in song, and the delicious and warming dinner served afterwards at the CC Center was the "frosting on the cake"! Following that, on Wednesday January 15, we held our first "satellite" Ultreya at All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington. It was a very spiritual evening enjoyed by well over one hundred Cursillistas. Thank you Pastor Bonnie Gerber for the use of your facility, and also for serving as the Spiritual Director. We are all grateful to our Anniversary Event Planning Committee for their hard work and faithfulness in planning these special events. Our regular Wednesday night Ultreyas will continue as usual at our CC Center, so please come – perhaps make it a practice to regularly attend once or twice a month. We can guarantee a great spiritual "booster shot".

Our next Anniversary Celebration event will be a Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Martin de Porres Center at Ohio Dominican. We are fortunate to have two excellent presenters, Reverend Scott Marier and Deacon Joe Meyer. Pre-registration with a fee of \$20 is required, and further information can be found on the website and weekly email reminders. We hope to see you all there for this special offering.

We are pleased to announce that Phil Roblee, M110, has agreed to take on the challenging position of Pre-Cum Christo. Phil has some great ideas and a lot of enthusiasm for the work of Pre-Cum Christo. You will find his first Quiri article in this edition.

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## From the Lay Directors (*cont'd*):

We ask for your prayers, palanca, and sponsorship of candidates for the upcoming Men's and Women's Spring Weekends. The teams are in formation in preparation for welcoming the candidates that YOU provide. Please be diligent in prayerfully discerning them. As Christians and Cursillistas, we are called to evangelize and bring ever more souls into a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior! Just a reminder, as this has been published several times: Our weekend fee has been increased to \$125, as our weekends were simply not paying for themselves – as we all know, food and utility costs continue to rise. The application processing fee of \$25 remains the same.

Many of you have probably heard that the CC Center had been without heat since early January. Our elderly boiler has finally given up the ghost. We also had the misfortune of a broken pipe in the third floor bathroom and the accompanying mess that water damage causes. Many thanks to Sonny Beem and his crew of helpers for the work they have done in providing temporary heating and in the cleanup of the debris from the leak. A new boiler is on order and is to be installed soon, so we expect to have a warm center for upcoming Ultreyas and team meetings.

We have had a rather disappointing response to the 2014 Sustaining Fund Appeal that was sent out earlier. We are very grateful to those who have contributed thus far, but as of this date our level of contributions is substantially lower than at this time last year. Please open your hearts (and wallets) and give generously. Remember, Cum Christo has no other source of income than what is provided by our members.

And finally, some very exciting news: a scholarship fund has been founded in memory of Peggy Bryant. The Cum Christo movement was deeply saddened by her leaving us, but we also rejoice that she is in the arms of our loving Savior. This fund is a beautiful way of remembering Peggy and will provide "scholarship" money for those who are financially unable to meet the fee of attending a weekend. During her earthly life Peggy financially assisted many who wanted to attend a weekend, so this is a very fitting memorial! We encourage contributions to this new fund as a means of insuring that no potential candidate would have to miss out on the beautiful weekend experience due to financial hardship. To get the ball rolling, one of our Cursillistas has issued a "Five Dollar Challenge" to the community. Contributions should be marked "Peggy Bryant Scholarship Fund" and sent to our P.O. Box.

*"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."*

*- Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 127 (Our add-on: "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!")*

De Colores and our love to you all,

Cliff and Julie

## **Leaders School**

Jerry Abraham M138

Happy New Year! Anniversaries....Special Occasions! Aren't they exciting? About nine months back we in leadership realized that 2014 was a special year for Cum Christo in Columbus. Leader School excitedly planned some special events to celebrate! Our hope and prayers were that these events would rekindle new and greater enthusiasm and excitement in our Community. If our January 5<sup>th</sup> Mass and the subsequent sharing of a meal afterward in the Center and if the first Satellite Ultreya at All Saints Lutheran were any indication, we have not lost our enthusiasm; we just need to find more ways to share it; these two events certainly did that by bringing us together!

We watched many of you sacrifice your time to prepare for these special celebrations of Cum Christo. Thank you! We watched many of you joyfully greeting and sharing Jesus' love with each other. Praise God! We certainly felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. If you were not able to join us at the Kick-off Celebration on January 5<sup>th</sup> or at the first (first in a long, long time) satellite Ultreya, we missed you and hope and pray that you will be one of the smiling faces joyfully greeting others at future events. Please check out the list of celebration events to come and mark your calendar.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration in 2014 has just begun.....there is more to come!

We in Leader School wish all a blessed 2014 and praise God for the His gift of you to Cum Christo.

## **Pre-Cum Christo**

Phil Roblee M110

I am excited about my new role as head of Pre-Cum Christo, and I am looking forward to working with the Cum Christo leadership team and the community at large. Tom Corroto, my predecessor, left some very big shoes to fill, so I have my work cut out for me. My long-term goal is not to fill four weekends a year, but to fill eight weekends a year. This will take some time and effort, the involvement of many people, and of course, The Holy Spirit. Can you help us get there through prayer and action?

While in my new role, I will take many cues from the experienced leadership team at Cum Christo; I also hope to pursue a few ideas of my own. I plan to meet with or speak to sponsors from churches that have been active in their sponsorship of candidates in recent years to learn their recipes for success. For churches that used to be more active in sponsoring candidates but have fallen off, I'd like to explore the dynamics of that change and try to help correct it. I hope to gain a sense of why it is so difficult to get men on a weekend and work toward a solution. Also, I would like to work with churches to get Cum Christo into their church directories and onto their websites.

I welcome all ideas from the community for increasing our weekend participation, so if you have ideas please email me at [philroblee@gmail.com](mailto:philroblee@gmail.com). God Bless, and De Colores!

## Weekend Section

Susan Willeke W106

As the Cum Christo Weekend Representative, I have the great privilege of working “behind the scenes” to help coordinate certain aspects of the Weekends. In 2013, my first year as Weekend Representative, it was both an honor and great fun to work with the Rectors to finalize many weekend details. This role has given me an even greater appreciation for all that is entailed in bringing a Weekend to fruition. Even more importantly, I have an even greater sense of awe of all that the Holy Spirit does to bless the candidates, teams, and each Cursillista who walks through the doors of that beloved old building.

The Lord was certainly present in the 2013 Weekends as he brought wonderful new Babe Chicks into our midst! Last year’s Weekends were led by Judy Cable, Tim Galvin and Shelby Fleck. We give thanks for the selfless service of the teams who give so much of their time and energy to bring the love of Christ to the candidates. Please continue to pray for the 2013 Babe Chicks as they journey through their fourth day. Please also lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the churches who hosted the closings last year: Upper Arlington Lutheran Church at Mill Run, Our Lady of Victory and Church of the Resurrection. We praise God for their generosity to Cum Christo.

Jerry Abraham’s M155 and my W150 teams have already begun their team formation for Spring, so pray about whom you will sponsor! Let’s have four (4) full weekends during this our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

Other rectors for 2014 are: Ed Price and Colleen Barta. Keep us all in your prayers as we embark on a journey to be “head servants” on the Weekends.

De Colores!

## Service Section

Ann Finn W126, Service Associate

Early last year, Sonny Beem was looking for a Service Associate to help him with little details around the Cum Christo Center as well as coordinate and assist with groups using the CC Center for events and weekends.

We’ve had a good turnout of sponsors or their subs and additional helpers for pre and post-cleaning for our weekends. It was greatly appreciated. **Reminder:** sponsors, we start pre and post-cleaning the CC Center on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. before and after the weekends. When most or all sponsors (subs) show up, we get the cleaning done in a timely manner. Your cooperation in this area is most helpful. 😊 **Note:** March post-cleaning is Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, because of St. Patrick’s Day holiday on Monday.

Additionally, we appreciated all the Cursillistas who responded to the *urgent* “all hands on deck” request, via email, when we had the pipe break. The response was overwhelming and the CC Center is now warm and cozy. Watch for additional requests over the next several months as we make repairs and renovate the Center. Questions, or to be put on our cleanup list, please email me (prefer) at [afinn9@yahoo.com](mailto:afinn9@yahoo.com) or call (614) 557-7894.

## Communication

Ann Finn W126, Quiri Newsletter Editor

It’s been a little more than a year ago since I was asked to be the new *Quiri Newsletter Editor*. I’ve learned the “ins” and “outs” of preparing a newsletter as well as jumped thru a few hoops, faced a few challenges, had some trials and errors, but with the grace of God and blessings and support from the Holy Spirit and Secretariat team, especially the Lay Directors, I’ve survived 2013 and persevered. What an exciting journey it has been learning the ropes, and the Cum Christo rules and guidelines. Though I’m computer literate, I learned some new computer designs and techniques along the way. I look forward to another successful year. Now that I have the routine down, I and the Secretariat team, hopefully, can get the Quiri out in a more timely manner to our mail and non-computer Cursillistas.

De Colores, and a Happy 2014 to all!

## **TREASURER**

Cheryl A. Brown W124

Highlights of the Cum Christo Year 2013 Financial Report:

*(Cash Flow is reported on a Cash basis for the Years Ending December 31, 2012 and 2013)*

I wish to thank each of you again for your gifts and pray that more will continue to join you in contributing toward our 2013 Sustaining Fund Campaign in 2014. A special thanks goes out for the efforts of our Sustaining Fund Committee who did another awesome job in getting the mailing prepared and mailed.

In an effort to protect the future of Cum Christo, an Endowment will be established with \$10,000 that will allow for the use of the income only to offset future expenses.

In 2013, we added an additional Scholarship Fund that came out of anonymous donations after Peggy Bryant's death and was seeded with several initial donations. The scholarship fund is accepting memorial donations via Paypal or by sending in a check at any time throughout the year. The Scholarship fund is separated from the Sustaining Fund reserves and is available for assisting candidates with the cost of a weekend by writing a request and attaching it to any candidate's application.

Sustaining Fund Contributions sadly decreased by 16% in 2013. This represents gifts from 219 donors which is a decrease of 70 donors from the 2012 campaign. The "little light that shines out of this" is that our average donor gift increased again in 2013 to \$182.28 from \$165.00 in 2012.

In 2013, utility costs dropped due to the monitoring of our usage as well as the fact that the fourth quarter began our new lease arrangement. Going forward, telephone is the only utility cost that we will pay directly.

Concerning the rent for the building, Cum Christo accepted the new lease terms at the closing of negotiations with the Diocese of Columbus and Holy Cross Parish. With this issue resolved, Saint Lawrence Haven will be renting directly from the Diocese of Columbus and is no longer providing rent to Cum Christo. As a result of our new lease, our rent is now \$1,600 per month – or \$19,200 annually.

It has been my honor to serve as your Treasurer for the past year.

De Colores

<b><u>Ending Cash Balances</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>
Checking	\$ 16,020.16	\$ 17,087.39	Rent	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,701.84
Savings in Bank	\$ 89,254.01	\$ 89,249.40	Utilities	\$15,864.89	\$12,500.96
Total	<u>\$105,274.17</u>	<u>\$106,336.79</u>	Postage	\$ 4,030.91	\$ 2,032.20
			Printing	\$ 3,101.27	\$ 1,414.76
<b><u>Annual Revenues</u></b>			Maintenance & Equipment	\$ 5,045.60	\$ 3,728.37
Weekend Income	\$ 10,708.00	\$ 11,144.32	Insurance	\$ 1,164.00	\$ 1,164.00
Sustaining Fund Deposits	\$ 47,469.19	\$ 34,264.16	Event Expenses	\$ 7,510.80	\$ 7,073.55
Scholarship Fund Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,655.00	Other	<u>\$ 1,900.34</u>	<u>\$ 805.30</u>
Event Income	\$ 10,765.54	\$ 3,885.79	Sub Total	\$39,817.81	\$36,420.98
Rental Income	\$ 4,490.00	\$ 3,210.00	<b><u>Weekend Expenses</u></b>		
Reward Points Income	\$ 509.61	\$ 811.49	Food & Beverage	\$ 4,931.46	\$ 4,387.17
Other Income	<u>\$ 468.15</u>	<u>\$ 222.30</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,347.32</u>	<u>\$ 2,756.53</u>
Total Cash Revenue	<u>\$ 74,410.49</u>	<u>\$ 59,193.06</u>	Sub Total	\$ 6,278.78	\$ 7,143.70
			<b><u>Building Improvements</u></b>	<u>\$ 1,278.63</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
			<b><u>Total Cash Expenditures</u></b>	<u>\$47,375.22</u>	<u>\$43,564.58</u>
			<b><u>Net Cash Flow</u></b>	<u>\$27,035.27</u>	<u>\$15,628.38</u>

Dear Cum Christo Community,

Our movement's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year is here and our Celebration Committee is hard at work preparing for and planning events for each month. Events scheduled are shown below. Please mark them on your calendar and join us in these celebration events. An offering to cover expenses will be taken at each event.

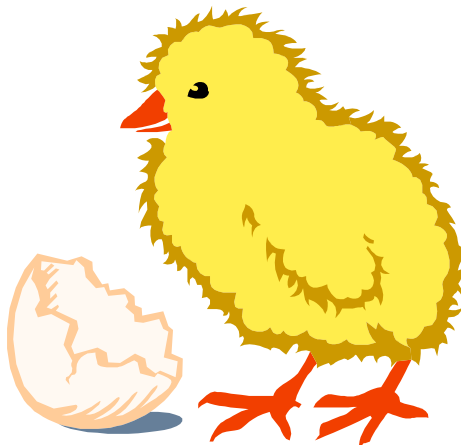
The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee



## 2014 Dates and Events

- Feb 15 (Sat) 8:30 am - Day of Reflection – Martin de Porres Center at Ohio Dominican University, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus
- Mar 2 (Sun) 2:30 pm Family Fun Day (carnival) – St. Elizabeth Parish, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus
- Apr 16 (Wed) 6:30 pm - Seder Meal – First Congregational Church, 444 East Broad Street, Columbus
- May 7 (Wed) 7:00 pm – Evening Prayer followed *Satellite* Ultreya – St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 333 South Drexel Ave, Bexley.
- Jun 11 (Wed) 6:00 pm - Mass followed by *Satellite* Ultreya - St. John Neumann Parish, 9633 State Route 37, Sunbury
- Aug 20 (Wed) 6:30 pm – Ultreyafest – Holy Cross/Cum Christo Center
- Sept 7 (Sun) 5:00 pm - Spiritual Director Appreciation Dinner with The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell at St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 East Broad Street, Columbus
- Oct 5 (Sun) 2:30 pm – Closing Celebration Mass with The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell at Church of the Resurrection, 6300 East Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany
- Oct 29 (Wed) 7:30 pm –*Satellite* Ultreya – Ascension Lutheran, 1420 Morse Road, Columbus

*More exciting details to follow*



Welcome to the Babe Chicks of the  
Women's 149<sup>th</sup>

Elizabeth Bowen, Heather Campbell, Char Daggett,  
Carolyn Gillie, Joan Koenig, Maryann Lange,  
Amy Marzluff, Shanelle Mason, Jackie Milsom,  
Linda Montgomery, Holly Moretti, Bonnie Nelson,  
Marian Prentice, Emily Remaker, Patty Roark,  
Meghan Shea, Terri Slupski and Becky Jo Tatum

# *Cum Christo Annual Spiritual Day of Reflection*

***Ephesians 3:20 "...immeasurably more than we ask or imagine."***

- **DATE: Saturday, February 15, 2014**
- **LOCATION: Martin de Porres Center**  
Ohio Dominican University  
2330 Airport Drive  
Columbus, OH 43219
- **TIME: 8:30 am – Registration w/ Continental Breakfast**  
**9:00 am – 1:30 pm Program w/ Lunch provided**
- **PRESENTERS: Reverend Scott Marier**
  - Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)**Reverend Deacon Joe Meyer**
  - St. Matthew the Apostle, Gahanna
- **PRE-REGISTRATION** is requested to plan seating and order catered continental breakfast and lunch.
- **SUGGESTED DONATION:** \$20.00/person will be requested to cover expenses.

**RESERVATIONS DUE By February 7, 2014**

You may register in one of two ways:

- Register on the Cum Christo website: [www.cumchristo.org](http://www.cumchristo.org)
- Mail this form to: Cum Christo – SDR  
P.O. Box 163712  
Columbus OH 43216-3712

If registering by mail, please include the form below with payment:

Name of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Total attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed/attached)

**Questions, please contact:** Jerry Abraham

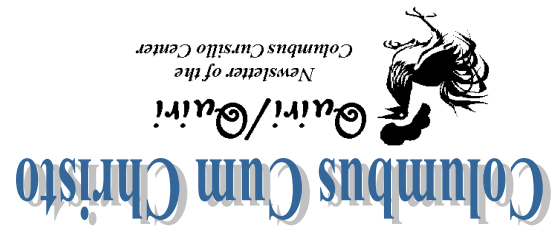
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**We lift our prayers in Thanksgiving**

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.