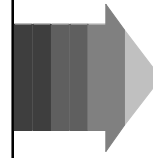


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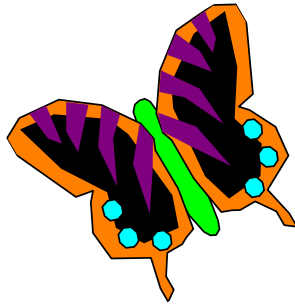
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**CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2002 :**

**MEN'S #48 - - - Rector, Peter Sabin - - - JUN. 27-30**  
**WOMEN'S #46 - -Rector, Sharon Gsellman - - - AUG. 15-18**  
Above Weekends site:St. Leonard's Youth Retreat Center, Avon, OH

**OHIO ANNUAL PICNIC - Camp Mowana - JULY 20**  
**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT - DALLAS, TX - JUL. 24-27**  
**SCHOOL FOR LEADERS - AUGUST 10**  
**MEN'S #49 - - - - - OCT. 3 - 6**  
**WOMEN'S #47 - - - - NOV. 7 - 10**

Above Weekends site:Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center Downtown Columbus

**UPCOMING WEEKENDS IN 2003**

**MEN'S - APRIL 24 - 27      WOMEN'S MAY 8 - 11**  
**MEN'S - SEPT 25 - 28      WOMEN'S OCT 16 - 19**

**PRAY FOR THE WEEKEND, THE RECTOR, AND THE TEAM**  
**— OFFER YOUR SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE —**

**ATTEND GROUP REUNION AND ULTREYA**

Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer  
Vigil for the Weekends



# De Colores!

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June 12, 2002

Dear friends in Christ,

## From the Lay Director

Have you looked outside lately? Have you noticed all the changes going on? As I look out the kitchen window, I am amazed at all the life coming back to the earth. It was just a few short months ago and everything was gray, seemingly lifeless... but God had a different plan in mind... God always seems to have a different plan than the one I thought was going to happen. This Spring is no different. Cold and blustery April gave way to a warm and inviting May. New life... new hope... a complete newness that only comes when we put our whole trust in Christ.

Putting our whole trust in Christ... Hmm... that is something very hard to do, given our nature to want control... to be in control... to have it our way. But that is exactly what Jesus asks us to do. He will never, ever force us to do anything... but He does encourage, suggest, plead at times to get us to realize that we need Him... we need Him to help us structure our lives in meaningful ways... to bring our lives in line with His will... with His teaching... with Him... no matter what we may think or feel. He wants our undivided complete trust. But we ask, "How can I trust Jesus?"

Do you trust your parents? Do you trust your pastor? Do you trust your deepest - dearest friend? Do you trust your spouse? How did you come to trust them? I dare say it was because you built a relationship with them... that you took the time to get to know them personally... intimately.

Now let's look at that questions again, "How can I trust Jesus?" The only way I know how to trust Jesus to have a close, personal relationship with Him. Notice I said close, personal relationship... not private relationship. With Jesus, nothing is private. But many things can be, and are, personal. Jesus wants us to have a close, personal, intimate relationship with Him. It is truly the best (and probably the only) way to have unwavering trust in Him. It also means having close, personal relationships with the company He keeps. It means getting to know each other in ways that promote trust... the trust that breeds hope... the hope that brings joy... the joy that springs love.

One way we can get to know each other better is through reunion, Ultreya, and having folks locally that we can count on... local folks who we can begin the process of building faithful relationships. So it is with the Secretariat. We have changed. We have started restructuring the Secretariat, a process that will, God willing, build the trusting relationships necessary to grow in Christ. To that end, the Secretariat has introduced the positions of local or regional representatives. These folks live in your area, worship at a church in your area, and are here specifically to communicate any and all information you may need about Via de Cristo here in Ohio.

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Note: If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to call any of the Secretariat members. Also, anyone from the community is welcome to attend the Secretariat meetings.

From the Lay Director (continued from previous page):

The regional representatives are as follows:

We have Doug Hewitt in the Northwest Region. In the Southwest Region, we have Kevin Hoch. In the Southeast Region, we have Greg Farra. In the Northeast, we have Ruth Lindsey. The map of Ohio shows the regions covered by these folks and their local staff. These folks are your local representatives who are the voice in your area. They need your help to get the message out... to get the word out that Jesus Christ is Alive! He is Alive!

Also, an organizational chart is attached showing the various positions on the Secretariat. These folks represent you at the State level.

Everyone has a voice on the Secretariat. Every person is invited to come to the Secretariat meetings. They are held every third Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM. We are blessed to be able to meet at St. Matthew's Episcopal in Westerville, Ohio for the rest of this year.

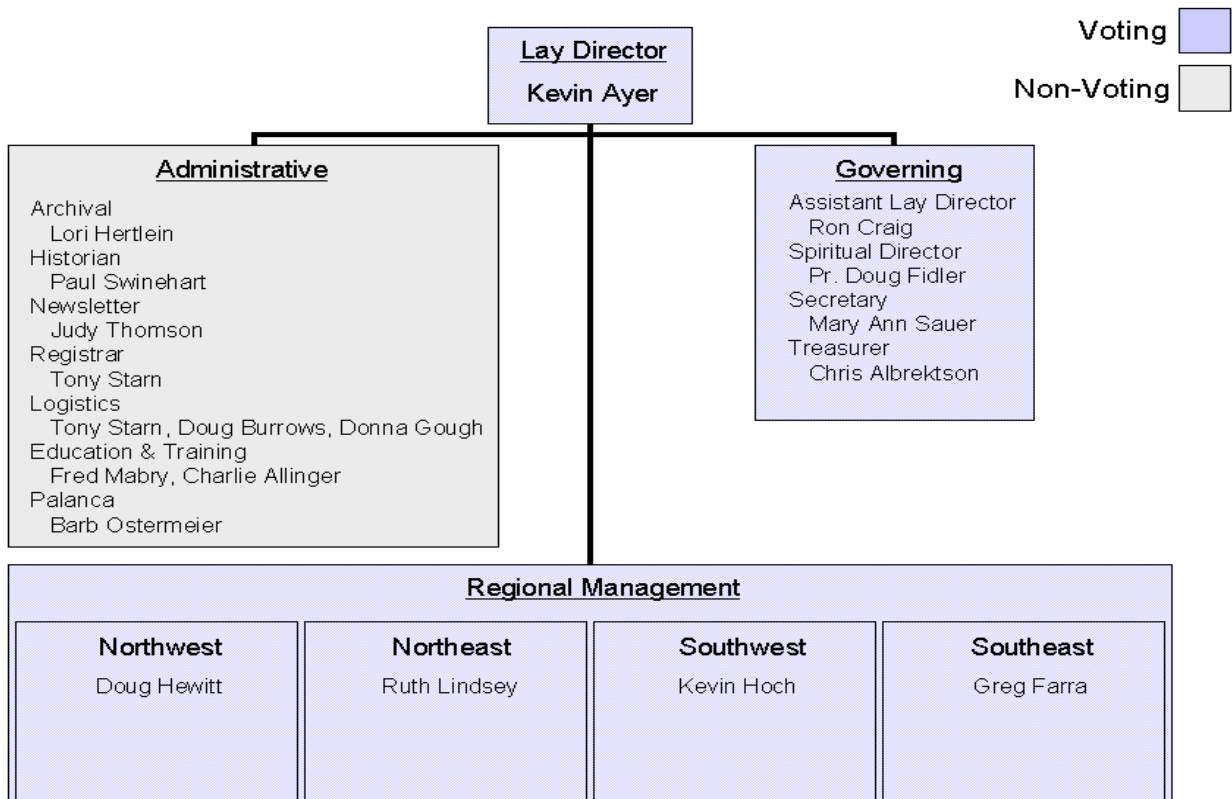
We are living in the most exciting times of our lives. With God at the center, how can it be any different? Exciting... challenging... yet we move forward with confidence. I close this message with a neat B.C. Cartoon I read many years ago... it goes something like this:

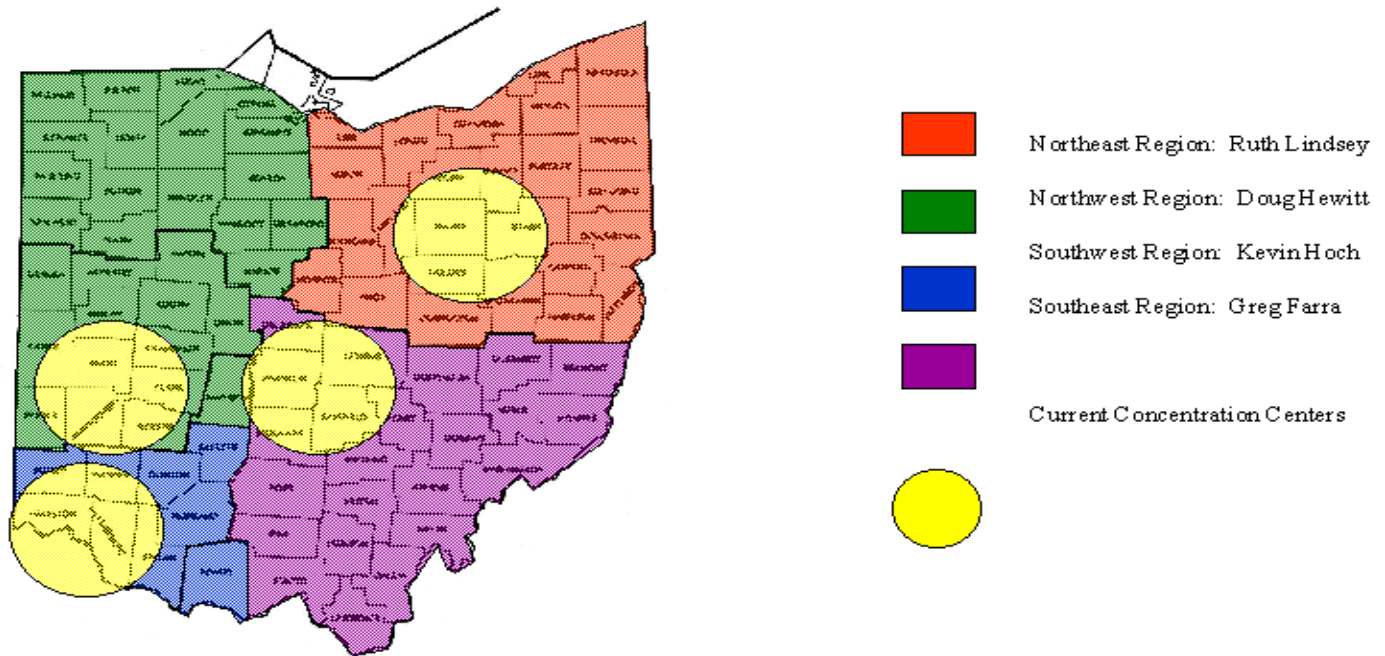
A father and son were talking with each other. The father looked at the son and said, "You know... if my God died on Good Friday, I wouldn't call it Good, would you?" The son replied, "No Dad. I guess I wouldn't." The father then replied to the son by saying, "Of course, that would be true only if my God could stay dead."

Your brother in Christ,

Kevin

## Ohio Via de Cristo Organization





Title: Regional Representative, Southeast District.

Description: Responsible to the Lay Director for the needs within the assigned region. Responsible to the Lay Director for the development, execution, and maintenance of pre-Via de Cristo activities within the assigned region. Responsible for interfacing with the Fourth Day Education and Training Coordinator concerning regional requirements for education and training. Responsible for disseminating information about state and national VdC activities to VdC Cursillistas within the assigned region. Responsible for coordinating with Ultreya/reunion Group Coordinator about Ultreyas and Reunion Groups within assigned region.

Specific Duties: Development, execution, and maintenance of pre-Via de Cristo activities, informational programs (Temple Talks, Informational Nights, Church Council Presentations, etc). Interfacing with respective Secretariat members for specific informational needs: For instance, education and training to be coordinated with 4th Day Education and Training Coordinator.

## National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) 2003 Annual Meeting

In July 2003 the Ohio Secretariat will host the National Via de Cristo meeting in Columbus, Ohio at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. There is a lot of work that will need to be done and we are looking for volunteers.

Jim Caldwell was contacted by several people last year willing to work, but he is getting old and since he never wrote names down he may have forgotten if you volunteered. The mind is a terrible thing to waste. He will be contacting those that he does remember within the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer or would just like to remind him if you already have, please contact Jim Caldwell at [JTCFMS@aol.com](mailto:JTCFMS@aol.com) or 614-818-3975.

## Men's Via de Cristo #48 - June 27 - 30



Within a very short time, the Via de Cristo Men's 48, the 2002 Summer Weekend, will be upon us. After 6 Saturdays of prayer, song, prayer, rollos, prayer, discussions and reunion groups, the men God has called to serve have come together to form a team. With humbleness, we are ready to serve.

And now we call upon all the Via de Cristo community to serve with us, for as a community of believers we have challenges in front of us.

### Change within Tradition

This will be the first weekend held by Via de Cristo at the St. Leonard Retreat Center, a very modern facility in Avon, OH. We as a team met there on our last team meeting; we are very excited. This relatively new center, designed specifically for retreats, provides us with some challenges and forces changes in some traditions.

For example, pilgrims will listen to the rollos, diligently writing 'this down,' in one room then move to another for discussion and posters. The center does not permit food or drink in the main presentation area. A consequence is that our need for snacks and munchies is somewhat lessened. Maybe not such a bad thing, eh?

### Pilgrims

We have the opportunity for even more pilgrims. Please pray for that school teacher who was never able to attend Spring or Fall weekends, that individual who couldn't negotiate the stairs of the Columbus center, the young man home from college for the summer. The opportunity is there; please listen in your prayers for God's leading.

### Presence

We ask for your presence. As a vibrant member of the community, we ask that you join us at the serenade, the wake-up and the closing. These men of God who are attending will be lifted up by the Holy Spirit working through you.

### Prayer

And pray. Give us this, the most potent palanca you can provide.

We have surrounded our team meetings in prayer. Just as on the weekend, every professor was prayed for by team members (and in some cases community) while giving his rollo. Every team meeting, prayer group, reunion group and closing service provided us with the opportunity to come before the altar with our concerns, our strengths and our weaknesses and offer ourselves.

We ask that you pray for us constantly during the days before the weekend and during the weekend itself.

Pray as if the weekend depended on your prayer, for it does.

God loves you and so do I.

Peter T. Sabin

Rector, Via de Cristo Men's 48

# Ohio Men's Weekend #48

## June 27 - 30, 2002


Names received as of June 12th

Men's #48 Team		
Name	Position on Team	Home City
Peter Sabin	Rector	Stow
Jon Paul	Head Cha	Stow
Rev. Dr. John Luoma	Spiritual Director	Stow
Rev. Douglas Fidler	Spiritual Director	Cuyahoga Falls
Skip Dodds	Head Kitchen Cha	Willoughby
Steven Kenneally	Music Cha	New Waterford
Jeff Thomas	Palanca Cha	Kent
Ken Jensen	Chapel Cha	Stow
Bob Dieter	Gopher Cha	Tallmadge
Greg Bobb	Kitchen Cha	Stow
Bill Fitts	Kitchen Cha	Stow
Dennis Kondriech	Kitchen Cha	Wickliffe
Mark Phillips	Kitchen Cha	Miamisburg
Kevin Ayer	Rollo Room Cha & JOG	Dayton
Frank Cihlar	JOG	Stow
Bruce Francis	Rollo Room Cha	Stow
Doug Hertlein	Rollo Room Cha	Carroll
Ralph Minton	Rollo Room Cha	New Castle, PA
Tom Marttala	Ideal Roll	Munroe Falls
Paul Crooks	Laity Rollo	Stow
Rick Davenport	Piety Rollo	Stow
Bob Gsellman	Study Rollo	Stow
Ron Anderson	Action Rollo	Stow
Ron Craig	Leaders Rollo	Kent
Vince Mallen	Environment Rollo	Mentor
Bob & Fran Dieter	CCA Rollo	Tallmadge
	Fourth Day Couple	

Pilgrims and Sponsors		
PILGRIM	SPONSOR	CHURCH, CITY
Ben Bobb	Peter Sabin	St. Stephen, Stow
Harry Friedman	Ron Craig	First Church of God, Ravenna
Steve Breznai	Bryan Boston	St. Paul, Ravenna
Bradley Schumacher	Robert Gsellman	St. Stephen, Stow
Paul Goebbel	Ronald Anderson	St. Stephen, Stow
Mike Uzl	Ronald Craig	Trinity, Kent
Terry Daly	Dave Lann	Trinity, Kent
Karl Schoch	Ralph Minton	Good Shep., New Castle PA
Keith Lawson	Dan Steffey	St. Stephen, Stow
John Forgan	Bruce Francis	St. Monica Cath., Garfield Hts.
John Francis	Bruce Francis	St. Stephen, Stow

**PALANCA LETTERS**  
 Mark all letters: Sponsor, Spouse, Friend, or Community

THURSDAY & FRIDAY June 27 & 28
Thursday Send Off - 7:30 PM at St. Leonard's Retreat Center
Friday Ideal 10:00 AM Habitual Grace 11:15 AM Laity 1:40 PM Actual Grace 2:55 PM Piety 4:45 PM

SATURDAY June 29
Study 9:00 AM Sacraments 10:20 AM Apostolic Action 1:15 PM Obstacles to Grace 2:55 PM Leaders 4:25 PM
<b>Serenade Practice</b> 5:00 PM

<b>Serenade 6:30 PM</b>

**LOCATION FOR SERENADE**

**SUNDAY  
June 30**

Gather In Kitchen 5:45 AM	<b>QUIETLY!!!</b>
Wake-up Serenade - 6:00 AM	
Environment 9:15 AM	
Day in the Life of Grace 10:10 AM	
Christian Community 11:35 AM	
Group Reunion/Ultryea 1:05 PM	
<b>Closing - 5:00 PM</b>	



**Send Off & Closing**  
**St. Leonard's Retreat Center**  
 4076 Case Rd, Avon, OH

\*\*\*\*\* SEE MAP ON FOLLOWING PAGE \*\*\*\*\*

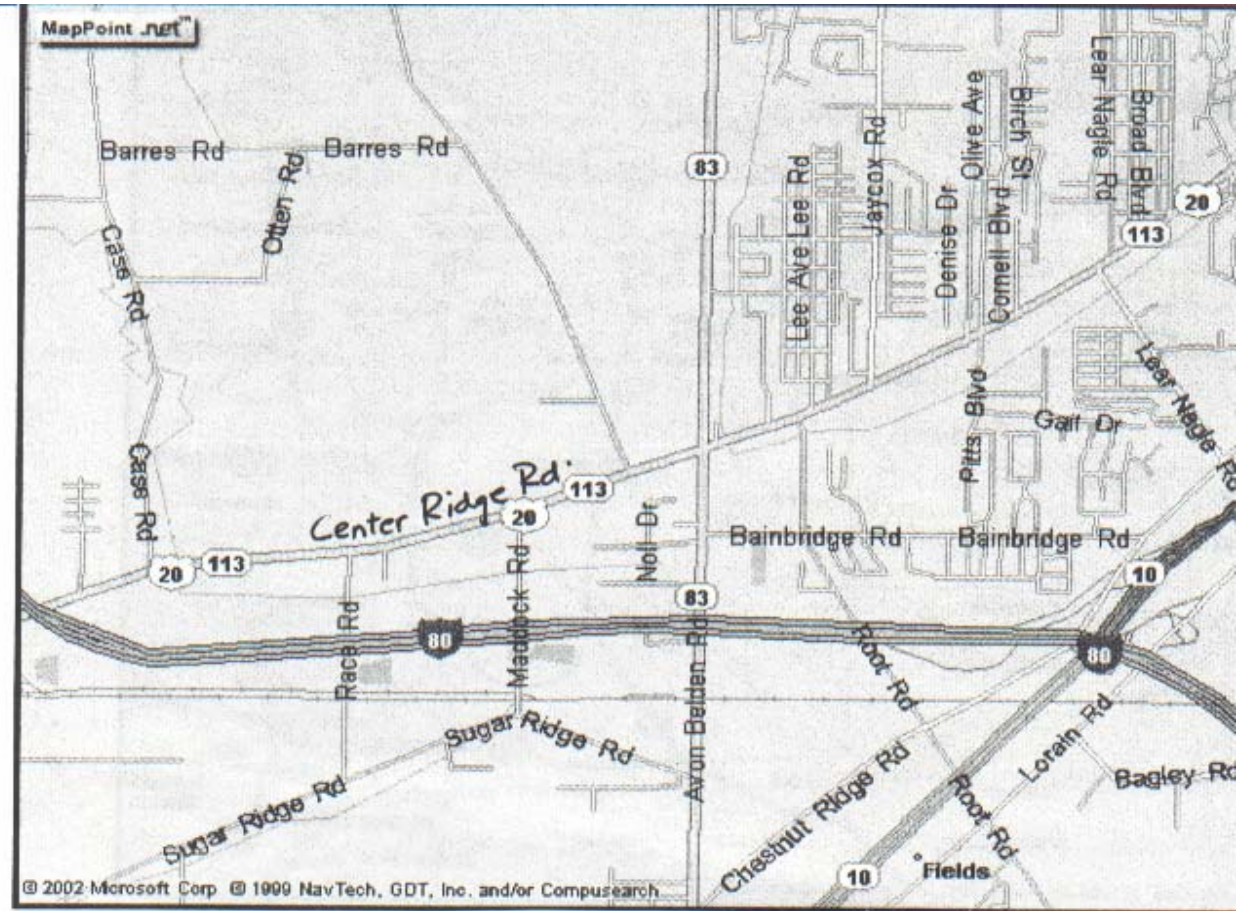
From the East - Go West on Turnpike (80). Take Exit 152 (old exit 9) Go West on Loraine Rd. Turn right(north) on Root Road. Turn left (west) on Center Ridge Rd (US20/Ohio 113) Turn right(north) on Case Rd. St. Leonard's will be on your left.

Note: Lear Nagle Road is under construction and will be closed during August and is under construction now; that is why we are not using that route.



**Serenade Practice at Christ Evangelical Church**  
 32747 Lake Road, North Ridgeville, OH

From the East - Go West on Turnpike (80). Take Exit 152 (old exit 9) Go West on Loraine Rd. Turn right(north) on Root Road. Turn left(west) on Center Ridge Rd (US20/Ohio 113). Go North on OH-83 to Lake Road. The Practice is at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church at 32747 Lake Rd. Arrive at the church for practice at 5:00PM. The Center is approx 15 minutes from this church. Arrive at the Center at 6:30PM for the Serenade.



**St. Leonard's Retreat Center, 4076 Case Rd., Avon, OH**

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**LODGING**

**Hotels Available**

East off exit 152 (old Exit 9) on turnpike

Super 8 Motel  
 1-800-800-8000 or www.super8.com  
 Sun. - Thurs \$62.00  
 Fri - Sat \$79.00  
 \$6.00 each additional person  
 10% discount for AAA, AARP Golden Buckeye, Senior, etc.

Travelodge  
 440-327-6311  
 Single \$45.95 + tax  
 Queen \$50.95 + tax  
 Double \$55.95 + tax

**RESTAURANTS**

Ground Round Restaurant  
 330-779-7173  
 24250 Lorain Rd

TGI Fridays  
 330-777-5040  
 270 Great Northern Mall

Red Lobster Restaurant  
 330-777-7133  
 24001 Lorain Road

Chuck E. Cheese's  
 330-777-6-63  
 Great Northern Shopping Center

Red Robin Bar & Spirits  
 330-734-6070  
 4949 Great Northern Blvd.

Corso's Italian Restaurant -  
 330-779-0444  
 29691 Lorain Road - 2 miles away

Nuevo Acapulco Mexican Restaurant  
 330-734-3100  
 24409 Lorain Road

Bob Evans Family Restaurant  
 330-734-4141  
 25853 Lorain Road  
 4 1/2 miles away

Ponderosa Steak House  
 330-779-8888  
 25779 Lorain Rd  
 4 1/2 miles

Olive Garden Italian Restaurant  
 330-734-0888

# Via de Cristo School for Leaders

## August of 2002

School for Leaders will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2002. The purpose of this school is to provide a better understanding of all aspects of Via de Cristo.

Topics covered include:

Theology of the Weekend

Dynamics and Psychology of the Weekend

Team Roles and much more.

Attend to gain a fuller understanding of your weekend experience. You must attend the School for Leaders to serve on a Via de Cristo team.

The school will be offered August 10th at Linden Lutheran Church, 1230 Oakland Park Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. The school starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, running till 5:00 p.m. You can register by using the form below. Cost is \$10 per person.

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### SCHOOL for LEADERS REGISTRATION

for  
**August 10, 2002**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Request Friday Night Housing (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Attended: Via de Cristo (   ) Other \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check payable to **Ohio Via de Cristo** (\$10 per person) and send it with this form to Charles Allinger, 7456 Wethersfield Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45069 email: DEKMACK7@AOL.COM

# Ultreyas

For further details on these and other Ultreyas in Ohio, contact:

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Ultreya Picnic  
Cincinnati  
September 22  
3:00 pm

Dayton Area Ultreya  
Third Tuesday of Every Month  
7:30 pm  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Kettering, OH



Via de Cristo of Ohio  
Annual Picnic - July 20  
at  
Camp Mowana



2276 Fleming Falls Road  
Mansfield, OH 44903  
419-589-7406

Secretariat meeting at 10:00am

Potluck lunch at 12:00 noon

Enjoy hiking and other activities.

## Let your blessings flow...

You may have noticed that there is an envelope addressed to Ohio Via de Cristo enclosed in this newsletter. The purpose of this envelope is to request "green palanca" to help fund upcoming weekends as well as establish seed money for the 2003 National Lutheran Via de Cristo Convention being held here in Ohio. At the May Secretariat meeting, it was reported that the projected treasury balance after the summer Men's weekend, in June, will be only \$900, which is not enough to support weekends for the remainder of the year, including the Women's weekend in August.

Also.... The Cum Cristo Center in Columbus could use more folding chairs.

**ANY AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

# Out-of-state help got women started here

By Paul Swinehart, historian

Our good Lutheran sisters from out of state helped establish the first Lutheran Women's Cursillo in Columbus when Weekend #1 was held on November 8-11, 1979.

The record is old and does not reveal the name of the first spiritual director, but the first pastor to be assistant spiritual director was Pastor Roger Miller of Bellevue.

Ann Stelle, of Florida, was the first rectora. She was assisted by Harriet Johnson, of Florida, the head cha.

Only two other Ohio women were on the team. They were Barbara Wittschen, of Columbus, who gave the Total Security Rollo, and Jeannie Kilpatrick, of Ohio, who was a cha.

Look at this lineup of people who loved us enough to bring their expertise here to get the women's movement started: June Lowey, of Florida, Ideal Rollo; Diane Gregory, of Florida, Laity Rollo; Barbara Hantz, of Florida, Piety Rollo; Connie Chinelly, of Florida, Study Rollo; Judy Kraska, of Michigan, Action Rollo; Fran Gillett, of Florida, Leaders Rollo; Jamie Mazursky, of Florida, Environment Rollo; Carol Ann Geiger, of Florida, Christian Community in Action Rollo; Anne Steele, of Florida, Fourth Day Rollo.

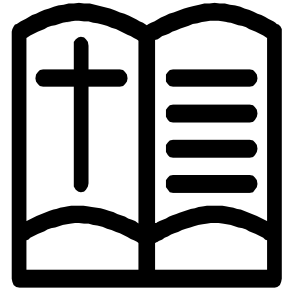
Others on the team were Donna Travis, Indiana; Pat Wolfner, Florida; Carole Halliburton, Florida; Karn Bender, S. Carolina; Marilyn Richie, Florida; Grace Fiorello, Florida; Jeanine Bugg, Michigan; Carol Gillett, Florida; Nina Baker, Michigan; Louise Millim, Florida; Eloise Cerniglia, Florida; Jean Rober, Florida.

It took a year and a half to get Women's Weekend #2 into the record books on May 28-31, 1981, again with out-of-state help, but not as much. Pastor Allan Sager of Columbus was spiritual director and Pastor Roger Miller of Bellevue was assistant. Janet Wittenberg of Pennsylvania, was the rectora.

But our ladies stepped up in the persons of Cheryl Hockman, Canal Winchester, Ideal Rollo; Arleen Stark, Delphos, Laity Rollo; Mary Lour Zieber, Bellevue, Piety Rollo; Erlene Sager, Columbus, Study Rollo; Jan Carroll, Bellevue, Action Rollo; Wendy Crout, of Pennsylvania, Leaders Rollo; Irene Ford, of Kansas, Environment Rollo; Peggy Glasser, W. Va., Fourth Day Rollo.

Other Ohio team members were Marline Kelly, Columbus; Pat Keiser, Canal Winchester; Virginia Casto, Canal Winchester; Nannette Miller, Perrysburg; Sharla Cook, Perrysburg; Helen Plum, Bellevue; Barbara Bailey, Canal Winchester; Karen Boyer, Canal Winchester; Susan Leist, Canal Winchester.

They all deserve our thanks. Anyone who has served as rector will appreciate the amount of work it took to assemble these teams. The women now have held 45 weekends.



## De Colores Newsletter via email?? It's about time !!!!!

If you would like to receive the De Colores Newsletter via email instead of by SNAIL MAIL (no offense to the Postal Carriers), please email me, so I have your most current email address. We have email addresses on our Archivist's files, but some of you may have changed since you made your Via de Cristo weekend.

REMEMBER... you will no longer receive your newsletter by regular mail if I start sending it to you via email. BY THE WAY...this will be saving money that could be put to use for future weekends for new pilgrims!!

God loves you and so do I !!! Judy Thompson, Editor email: JAYTEECFOH@CS.COM