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| Men's #54 Weekend Apr 14 - Apr 17 Columbus Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for the Weekend. | CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!  | | |

UPCOMING WEEKENDS IN 2005 & 2006

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| MEN'S #54 | APRIL 14 - 17, 2005 | Rector - Pete Bolig |
| WOMEN'S #54 | MAY 12 - 15, 2005 | Rectora - Vickie Delynko |
| MEN'S #56 | OCT 20 - 23, 2005 | Rector - Paul Swinehart |
| WOMEN'S #56 | NOV 10 - 13, 2005 | Rectora - Lynn Ayer |
| MEN'S #57 | APRIL 20 - 23, 2006 | Rector - Dean Gatton |
| WOMEN'S #57 | MAY 18 - 21, 2006 | Rectora - Wilma Keller |
| MEN'S #59 | OCT 19 - 22, 2006 | Rector - Kevin Ayer |
| WOMEN'S #59 | NOV 2 - 5, 2006 | Rectora - TBD |

Above Weekends site Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center Downtown Columbus

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| MEN'S #55 | JUL 14 - 17, 2005 | Rector - Skip Dodds |
| WOMEN'S #55 | JUL 21 - 24, 2005 | Rectora - Lucy Gesell |
| MEN'S #58 | Summer 2006-TBD | Rector - Bob Gsellman |
| WOMEN'S #58 | Summer 2006-TBD | Rectora - TBD |

Above Weekend site St. Leonard's Retreat Center - Avon, OH

GET ON THE WEB ==>

Ohio Via de Cristo Website
 National Via de Cristo Website
 Kairos Website

www.viadecristooh.org
www.viadecristo.org
www.kairosohio.org



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From the Lay Director

Dear friends in Christ,

A season out of a Charles Dickens novel: "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." Can you relate? I'm sure anyone who has been through any trial or tribulation can relate. There are certain attributes of a Christian that can only be gained by going through a trial or tribulation. Seems like the world is racing past with no particular destination. Raging waters crashing over the bow, swamping our boat. Rapids carrying us headlong toward who knows where... visions flashing left and right, heart-stopping drops, pounding headaches, as the whitewater rafters would say, "Its like being May-tagged." Imagine getting caught in the washing machine, churning, tossing, dragging you under then spitting you back out only to repeat the process... stop the madness... stop the ride... you want to get off!

Then suddenly, just as quickly as the madness started, there's silence. Bone chilling, sense-numbing silence. You bolt up in bed, panting from the dream... your chest heaving deeply just to catch your breath. You look around; the dark shadows shrink into oblivion as your eyes begin to focus. Glancing at the clock... it's three in the morning. Thursday has begun. I'm sure if you've been a Rector, you can relate. Every weekend is under some kind of attack. Satan has a way of making even the smallest of things seem insurmountable. But just when you think you can't go on, a quiet, calm voice speaks the truth... you are not alone.

"The voice of truth tells me a different story. The voice of truth says, 'do not be afraid.' The voice of truth says, 'This is for My glory.' And of all the voices calling out to me. I will choose to listen and believe the Voice of Truth." – A verse from Casting Crowns' "Voice of Truth."

The weekend is for God's glory. Yes... the pilgrims are there to learn, and yes... the team is there to show the way, but God is there to tell us that the weekend is for His glory. He gave us a wonderful gift that cannot be taken from us. He gave us eternal life, not because of who we are; butt because what He's done. Not because of what we've done, but because of who He is... If you recognized that phrase, it is because it comes from another Casting Crowns' song called "Who am I?" Because God did something... God died on a cross. We didn't. God was placed in a tomb. We weren't. AND... God came out three days later, alive and gracefully true... something we could never do on our own. He did all of this for us. So, what are we doing for Him? Let's make this more personal, "What are you doing for Him?" Are you making Christ known? Are you evangelizing your environment? As a called Christian in your community, make Christ known by making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ.

God loves you and so do I,

Kevin

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

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From the Rector

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You all continue to inspire me as Men's Via de Cristo Weekend No. 54 approaches, and I want to tell you all how much I appreciate your prayers, support, assistance, and sacrifice. I extend this "Thank you!" to the team, each of whom had to arrange a gap in their worldly life to fit in time for the weekend, to their families, who accommodate their will to participate on the team, and to the Via de Cristo community, who are the cement, empowered by the Holy Spirit, that holds all the pieces together.

God has assembled a team that He knows is the best one to carry the word of His Grace to the Pilgrims whom we are eager to meet on Thursday night. So many of you make this all possible by willfully accepting roles and responsibilities that to some may seem menial. However, as one tasked to see the weekend in its entirety, I value your commitment to Via de Cristo, to the success of the weekend, and to providing the Pilgrims with the best opportunity to experience His Grace over the brief 72 hours that we will be together.

Your palanca – letters, treats, baked goods (love them chocolate chip cookies!) pins, buttons, serenades, dinners, and most of all, prayer – represent gifts from your hearts that may in God's time thaw the hardest of the hardened hearts. I simply want to tell you that I love you, and pray that God blesses you.



Your Brother in Christ,

Pete Bolig
Rector, Men's No. 54

PALANCA LETTERS

Please..... Mark all letters: Sponsor, Spouse, Family, Friend, or Community

Remember the blessings of Palanca mail - sent from the community, but inspired by the Lord.

Ohio Men's Weekend #54
April 14 - 17, 2005


Names received by Registrar as of April 5

| Men's Team #54 | | | Pilgrims and Sponsors | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Name | Position on Team | Home City | Pilgrim | Sponsor | Church, City |
| Pete Bolig | Rector | Cincinnati | Brian Steck | Larry Donner | Good Shepherd Lutheran, Cincinnati |
| Charley Allinger | Head Cha | West Chester | Bruce Miller | Larry Donner | Good Shepherd Lutheran, Cincinnati |
| Pastor Jim Stalder | Spiritual Director | Westerville | Cy Kilgore | Bob Glessner | St. Paul Lutheran, Lucas |
| Pastor Don Frantz | Spiritual Director | Wilmington | Paul Martin | Mark Timberlake | St. Paul Luth., Bellville |
| Kevin Hoch | Chapel Cha | Cincinnati | Roger Dedrick | Don Frantz | Faith Luth., Wilmington |
| Kevin Ayer | Music Cha | Dayton | Tim Jahn | Darryl Larson | Linden Luth., Columbus |
| Jim Caldwell | Palanca Cha | Westerville | Michael Murray | Mark Timberlake | St. Paul Luth., Bellville |
| Darrell Burden | Go-for Cha | Newark | Bryan Howard | Mark Timberlake | St. Paul Luth., Bellville |
| Mark Ostermeier | Head Kitchen Cha | Burlington, KY | Ken Parker | Darrell Burden | St. John's Luth., Newark |
| Dean Gatton | Kitchen Cha | Westerville | Alan Morris | Keith & Mary Miller | Christ Lutheran, Bexley |
| Philip Kohler | Kitchen Cha | Cincinnati | Rick Seymour | Dan & Christy Brill | Calvary Apostolic, Columbus |
| Matt Kromphardt | Kitchen Cha | Fairborn | Ben McNutt | Dan & Christy Brill | Living Word Lutheran, Galena |
| Tony Latessa | Kitchen Cha | Englewood | Nathan Piddock | Don Piddock | First Luth., Donnelsville |
| Skip Wilson | Kitchen Cha | Huber Heights | Bob Keeley | Rev Joseph Kovitch | Advent Lutheran, Mentor |
| Chuck Fahnestock | Kitchen Cha | Fairborn | Ed Laukiavich | Rev Joseph Kovitch | Advent Lutheran, Mentor |
| Bob Glessner | Rollo Room Cha | Mansfield | | | |
| Rich Maassel | Rollo Room Cha | Westerville | | | |
| Mel Musser | Rollo Room Cha | Fairborn | | | |
| Thad Ness | Rollo Room Cha | Westerville | | | |
| Don Piddock | Rollo Room Cha | Fairborn | | | |
| Raleigh Sandy | Rollo Room Cha | Centerville | | | |
| Fred Schneider | Ideal Rollo | Cincinnati | | | |
| Ralph Minton | Laity Rollo | New Castle, PA | | | |
| Rick Walkenhorst | Piety Rollo | Cincinnati | | | |
| Dan Brill | Study Rollo | Columbus | | | |
| Bill Steinbrueck | Action Rollo | Fairborn | | | |
| Larry Evans | Leaders Rollo | Huber Heights | | | |
| Mark Timberlake | Environment Rollo | Bellville | | | |
| Mark Kannenwischer | CCA Rollo | Westerville | | | |
| Paul Swinehart | Observing Rector | Columbus | | | |
| Fred & Karen Schneider | Fourth Day Couple | Cincinnati | | | |

The emergency phone # at the center is :
614-221-1809

| THURSDAY & FRIDAY Apr 14 & 15 | |
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| Thursday | Send Off - 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. |
| Friday | |
| Ideal | 10:00 AM |
| Habitual Grace | 11:15 AM |
| Laity | 1:40 PM |
| Actual Grace | 2:55 PM |
| Piety | 4:45 PM |

| SUNDAY Apr 17 | |
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| Gather In Kitchen | 5:45 AM QUIETLY!!! |
| Wake-up Serenade | - 6:00 AM |
| Environment | 9:15 AM |
| Life of Grace | 10:10 AM |
| Christian Community in Action | 11:35 AM |
| Group Reunion / Ultreya | 1:05 PM |
| Closing - 5:00 PM | At Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page) |

| SATURDAY Apr 16 | |
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| Study | 9:00 AM |
| Day in the Life | 10:20 AM |
| Apostolic Action | 1:15 PM |
| Obstacles to Grace | 2:55 PM |
| Leaders | 4:25 PM |
| Serenade Practice 5:00 PM | At Livingston United Methodist in Columbus. (Directions on next page) |
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| Serenade | 6:00 PM |

**SEND-OFF & CLOSING
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
4500 Refugee Road , Columbus**

From Cleveland - Take I-71 South. In Columbus, take I-270 East and continue to the I-70 exit. Take I-70 West exit to next exit, Hamilton Rd. exit. Turn left onto Hamilton and proceed past Eastland Mall to Refugee Road. Turn left onto Refugee Road. Grace Lutheran is on the left about 1/4 mile.

From Cincinnati - Take I-71 North. In Columbus, take I-270 East and proceed as in Cleveland directions.

From Eastern Ohio - Take I-70 West past the I-270 outerbelt. Proceed to Hamilton Road exit and proceed as in Cleveland. directions.

From Western Ohio - Take I-70 East . Proceed through downtown Columbus and continue to Hamilton Road Exit (317 S). Bear right onto Hamilton road and proceed as in Cleveland directions..

**SATURDAY SERENADE PRACTICE
LIVINGSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus**

From the North. Take I-71 South to Columbus. Take the US-23 / Fourth St exit (100B). Stay straight to go onto E. FULTON ST. Turn LEFT on to US-33. US-33 becomes E. LIVINGSTON AVE.

From the South. Take I-71 North to Columbus. Take the US-23 NORTH / LIVINGSTON AVE exit (100B), towards FOURTH ST.

The Ohio Via de Cristo Community mourns the death of Fred Schuller. His daughter submitted this piece for the newsletter:

He passed away on October 26, 2004. Fred was from Divinity Lutheran Church in Parma Hts, Ohio. He was 77. He leaves behind his wife, Doris and daughters Lynne and Joyce, a son Bill and 7 grandchildren. He was a great man, Christian and father who loved the Lord so very much. I know he loved so many people involved in Via de Cristo and I know he was very loved too.

Thank you,

Joyce Schindler , Fred's daughter

Construction Improvements at the

Holy Cross Cursillo Center (Columbus)

(where the Spring & Fall weekends are held)



2 showers and 3 sinks have been installed
in the 3rd floor sleeping area.

If you are currently receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, you will be receiving a mailing well before the summer weekends where you can indicate your preference for receiving the newsletter, either electronic or hard copy.

ULTREYA! in OHIO For further details on these and other Ultreyas in Ohio, contact: Paul Swinehart
614-476-5979 Pauls2303@yahoo.com

Cincinnati - Monthly First Saturday, 7:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Healthy, contact Kevin Hoch, 513-913-8797

Columbus - Monthly Fourth Tuesday, 7:30 PM at Linden Lutheran Church, 1230 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus, contact Paul Swinehart 614-476-5979 or Darryl Larson, 614-262-4420 at the church or 614-865-0469 at home.

Dayton Lutheran Ultreya - Monthly Third Tuesday, 7:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 901 E. Stroop in Kettering. For details, call Bob & Mary Ann Sauer at 937-439-9742 or Email: MASAUER@aol.com

Kent - Contact Pastor Doug Fidler (330) 673-5445.

Marysville Area - Monthly Third Sunday at First English Lutheran, 687 London Avenue, Marysville. Call Judy Hurl 513/642-4621 or Jeanne Haynes, 513/642-4701

Stow - Quarterly Contact Gracia Luoma (330) 686-8807

Western Lake County Periodic joint Lutheran-Episcopal Ultreya. Hook up through George Cyphers, 216-951-2906

Western Reserve - Monthly Second Saturday 7:00 pm, Brecksville United Methodist Church, call Martha Mallen (440) 257-2235.

Urbana - Monthly First Friday 6:30 pm at Church of the Epiphany, corner Scioto and Kenton, Urbana. Joint ultreya with Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and now Lutheran! Contact Dick or Marv Swan, 513/484-3189.

Newark - Bi-monthly Second Wednesday every other month. St. John's Lutheran Church, Linneville Road, Newark. 7:00 PM, 2005 Ultreya's - (April 13, June 8, Aug 10, Oct 12). Contact Chuck Hiles, 740-323-1588.

St. Jacobs Lutheran Church will hold an Ultreya on Saturday, May 14, 2005 at 6:00 P.M.

We will have a pot luck dinner. St. Jacobs will furnish the table service and beverages.

St. Jacobs also invites any teens who have been through the TEC weekend.

Directions & Info. 1460 State St. NE, North Canton OH 44721 Telephone is 330-877-2676. My telephone is 330-499-3738. The church has a North Canton address but is actually located 4 miles south of Hartville!

From Akron: Take 77 South to Exit 113 (Akron/Canton Airport) Turn Right onto Lauby Road for 1.1 miles. Turn right on Greensburg Road. After one mile Greensburg Road becomes State Street. Continue through Greentown, a light at Market Ave. The church is located on the right side between Market Ave. and Route 43. (This is out in the country so don't panic if you think you have missed the church.)

From Kent: Take 43 South to Hartville, turn right onto OH-43/S (Prospect St.) Continue to follow route 43.(about 3.5 miles) Turn right on State St. The church is on the left side between Route 43 and Market Avenue.

Park in the upper parking lot and enter through the rear Fellowship Hall door.