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<b>Men's #56</b> <b>Weekend</b> <b>Oct 20 - Oct 23</b> <b>Columbus</b>  <b>Sign up on the</b> <b>72-hour Prayer</b> <b>Vigil for the</b> <b>Weekend.</b>	<b>CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!</b>  		

**UPCOMING WEEKENDS AND EVENTS IN 2005 & 2006**

<b>MEN'S #56</b>	<b>OCT 20 - 23, 2005</b>	<b>Rector - Paul Swinehart</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #56</b>	<b>NOV 10 - 13, 2005</b>	<b>Rectora - Lynn Ayer</b>
<b>MEN'S #57</b>	<b>APRIL 20 - 23, 2006</b>	<b>Rector - Dean Gatton</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #57</b>	<b>MAY 18 - 21, 2006</b>	<b>Rectora - Wilma Keller</b>
<b>MEN'S #59</b>	<b>OCT 19 - 22, 2006</b>	<b>Rector - Kevin Ayer</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #59</b>	<b>NOV 2 - 5, 2006</b>	<b>Rectora - TBD</b>
Above Weekends site Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center		Downtown Columbus

<b>MEN'S #58</b>	<b>AUG 3 - 6, 2006</b>	<b>Rector - Bob Gsellman</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #58</b>	<b>AUG 10 - 13, 2006</b>	<b>Rectora - Cathy Doering</b>
Above Weekend site St. Leonard's Retreat Center - Avon, OH		

<b>LEADER'S SCHOOL</b>	<b>FEB. 18, 2006</b>	<b>St. Paul Lutheran Church,</b> <b>Bellville, Ohio</b>
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 National Via de Cristo Website  
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# De Colores!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I have been thinking a great deal about being a friend of God lately. It seems there are so many things to pray about that we can become depressed for all the needs in the world. Many people have been telling me personal stories of woe as well. They ask the age-old question, "Why?" Unfortunately I do not know. When I am considering my own pain I remind myself also to ask the question, "Why not?" This is not helpful in relating to others, however, because we are to be comforting presences in their lives. We are to represent God to them.

Who in your life needs you to be God's comforting presence? I'm sure there are many. The Via de Cristo prayer chain is rife with people who need our intercession. I especially ask your prayers on behalf of Kyleen Ayer, our lay director's daughter. She was hospitalized with convulsions. It is so hard to see your children go through difficulties. Most parents I know would rather be the ones suffering than see their children suffer, so pray for Lynn and Kevin in this time of trial as well.

We know that we can't see the end of things, but God can, and God knows how he's planning on using all things to work together for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose. So we look to God in hope. We faithfully lift up our concerns to him and trust in his loving hand even when we can't feel it holding us up. We realize that we see through a glass darkly, but one day we shall see face to face. I am always reminded of a poem that someone gave me when I was in maybe junior high; I find comfort in it. It goes like this.

My life is but a weaving between my Lord and me.  
I cannot choose the colors, nor all the pattern see.  
Sometimes he chooses sorrow and I in foolish pride  
Forget he sees the upper, and I, the underside.

Not 'til the loom is silent nor shuttles cease to fly  
Will he reveal the pattern or tell the reason why  
The dark threads are as needful in the weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern he has planned.

May God make a beautiful tapestry of your life, and may you trust him to know the overall pattern.

Remember—God loves you and so do I.  
Pastor Laurel Bobb , *Spiritual Director*  
of Ohio Secretariat

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## Greetings From the Secretariat

Here we are beginning our fall set of weekends, and this winter our state Via de Cristo meeting. With each occasion, let us remember our own weekends and how much the support of the community meant to us. Please pray earnestly about approaches to potential pilgrims and about supporting cursillistas after their weekends.

As we pray for the pilgrims and weekends, let us remember also to pray for the Ayer family and for improved health for Kyleen. We wish this family peace & restoration of health for all.

God loves you and so do We,  
The Secretariat

## *From the Rector*



DeColores:

We are approaching the time for Men's weekend #56. As the date gets closer, I feel the sense of expectation building. The team has come together and I have great expectations for it. There have been some bumps along the road to team formation, but when a failure occurred; others stepped in to fill the need. Any team is only as strong as its "bench strength." We are strong from top to bottom. We have some veteran Rollistas and we have some stepping in for the first time. This will build the strength of the movement. Please support the team and the pilgrims with your palanca letters and especially your attendance at the Clausura. What a sight it would be with a full church to end a weekend! It has been a joy to form the team. I was overwhelmed and pleased with the response when I called for team formation.

Blessings to all. God loves you and so do I,

Paul Swinehart, rector

### 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.

Remember – Closing at Grace Lutheran on Sunday has been moved  
to 5:30 PM

**Ohio Men's Weekend #56  
Oct 20 - 23, 2005**

Names received by Registrar as of Oct 17


Men's Team #56			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Position on Team	Home City	Pilgrim	Sponsor	Church, City
Paul Swinehart	Rector	Columbus	Stephen Poling	Richard Renken	Abiding Christ Luth., Fairborn
Jim Caldwell	Head Cha	Westerville	John Gozs	Paul Swinehart	no church listed
Pastor Darryl Larson	Spiritual Director	Columbus	Rick Hughes	Ronald Kilgore	St. Paul Lutheran, Lucas
Pastor Ron Feister	Spiritual Director	Westerville	Ed Hargen	Raleigh Sandy	Abiding Christ Luth., Fairborn
John Schalip	Chapel Cha	Sunbury	Jeff Reid	Ron Anderson & Dan Steffey	St. Stephen Luth., Stow
Toby Troup	Music Cha	Miamisburg	Bruce Kramer	Kevin Ayer	Hope Luth., Springfield
Bill Evans	Palanca Cha	Huber Heights	Matt Gatton	Dean Gatton	Vineyard Church of Columbus
Dick Hatch	Head Kitchen Cha	Pataskala	Rick Gallagher	Rhonda Gallagher	no church listed
Michael Murray	Kitchen Cha	Bellville	Merle Dunbar	Darryl Larson	Linden Luth., Columbus
Don Plummer	Kitchen Cha	Reynoldsburg			
Bryan Howard	Kitchen Cha	Ontario			
Mike Ammons	Kitchen Cha	Bellville			
Kevin Ayer	Hd. Rollo Room Cha	Dayton			
Bob Rousculp	Rollo Room Cha	Glenford			
Rich Renken	Rollo Room Cha	Fairborn			
Dave Ridenour	Rollo Room Cha	Glenford			
Dave Lann	Rollo Room Cha	Ravenna			
Mel Hall	Ideal Rollo	Westerville			
Kevin Ayer	Laity Rollo	Dayton			
Jim Caldwell	Piety Rollo	Westerville			
Raleigh Sandy	Study Rollo	Centerville			
Bob Seyerle	Action Rollo	Columbus			
Dan Steffey	Leaders Rollo	Stow			
Mike Walsh	Environment Rollo	Grove City			
Doug Hertlein	CCA Rollo	Carroll			
Ben Berger	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Rollo	Westerville			
Greg Farra	Bkup Rector / Group Reunion-Ultreya	Groveport			
Dick Retherford	Silent Professor	Galena			
Dean Gatton	Observing Rector	Westerville			
Bob & Mary Ann Sauer	Fourth Day Couple	Kettering			

**Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for the Weekend.**

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

THURSDAY & FRIDAY Oct 20 & 21	
Thursday	Send Off - 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)
Friday	Ideal 10:00 AM Habitual Grace 11:15 AM Laity 1:40 PM Actual Grace 2:55 PM Piety 4:45 PM

SUNDAY Oct 23	
Gather In Kitchen 5:45 AM	<b>QUIETLY!!!</b>
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 1:45 PM	
Closing - 5:30 PM	At Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)

SATURDAY Oct 22	
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	At Linden Lutheran , Columbus at 5:00 PM (Directions on next page)
	
<b>Serenade</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

## Directions to Grace

**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..

## Directions to Linden

**SATURDAY SERENADE PRACTICE  
LINDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1230 Oakland Park Ave, Columbus**

Take I-71 to exit 114 (N. Broadway),

Go east on N. Broadway to the first traffic light,

Turn left and go to dead end,

Turn right on to Oakland Park Ave. , go about ½ mile to the church which is on the left hand side.

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

**Cincinnati - Monthly** First Saturday, 7:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Healthy, contact Kevin Hoch, 513-931-8797.

**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](mailto: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.

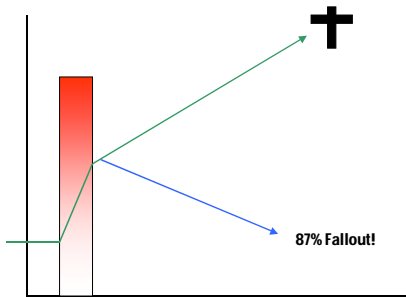
**Newark - Bi-monthly** Second Wednesday every other month. St. John's Lutheran Church, Linneville Road, Newark. 7:00 PM , 2005 Ultreya's - (April 13, June 8, Aug 10, Oct 12). Contact Chuck Hiles, 740-323-1588.

**Bellville - Bi-monthly** Second Sunday every other month (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) at 6 pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St. , Bellville. Questions contact Dawn Armstrong , 419-886-9822 or [Dalpn@aol.com](mailto:Dalpn@aol.com)

## NLS FORUM: 10 WAYS TO KILL A SECRETARIAT!

*Submitted by Donna Gough*

“**Top Ten Ways to Kill a Secretariat**” provided a lot of information on how – and how NOT – to organize the Via de Cristo ministry from the top, to facilitate the work of all of us. We won’t cover all ten ways here, but some of the major points to look out for were: Lack of prayer, becoming a church within a church, lack of communication between members, and lack of servant leadership by example in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day. It wasn’t just a negative look at issues that all Secretariats face in some degree or at some time, either, but there were positive suggestions on how to enliven a Secretariat and a community. In presenting the lack of communication issue, a graph was used to illustrate what was needed, as follows:



The vertical line at the left represents knowledge and leadership, the horizontal line at the bottom represents time. The shaded vertical rectangle represents a Via de Cristo Weekend. The horizontal line entering to the left is where most pilgrims are when they come to a 3-day weekend, and their knowledge and leadership grow during the 3 days. We would hope the growth would continue toward the goal of Jesus Christ.

In reality, what happens is represented by the downward arrow. Shortly after the weekend, contact and communication is lost, and there is an 87 percent fallout by the end of three months! Pilgrims come, grow, and lose it. Lest we get too discouraged, this percentage holds true for secular-based growth seminars, too.

The Rainbow Secretariat found and presented a wonderful way to cut that 87 percent fallout by 56%. It’s just a simple putting into action of what we all learned on our weekend! Their Table Professors are instructed to initiate **PERSONAL CONTACT** with each pilgrim from their table at 30-, 60-, and 90-day intervals after the weekend. It can be a get together for lunch or coffee or just a phone call (NOT just an e-mail... **PERSONAL** contact) asking, “How are you doing? Are you in a reunion group yet? Do you need help finding one? How about Ultreya?” The personal interest and contact keeps the communications channels open, friendship and Christian community increase, and the movement is blessed by far less fallout! All we have to do is **BE** the Christian Community we talked about on the weekend! Ohio will soon put this new procedure into practice!

For more information on this Seminar or any part of the NLS Meeting, contact those who were there this past July: Pastor Laurel Bobb, Sharon Gsellman, Doug and Cathy Burrows, Kevin and Lynn Ayer, Fred and Karen Schneider, and Donna Gough

## **NLS FORUM: FISHING GEAR: RESOURCES AT OUR FINGERTIPS**

*Submitted by Donna Gough*

NLS Forums are mostly exciting or at least beneficial, but this one was an exceptionally wonderful “sleeper”. Chuck Simmons brought a very contagious spirit of excitement to all of us who heard him. I wish I could inject this article with that same kind of excitement! Chuck introduced us to all the resources that the NLS offers at the website. Some of them are mostly resources of interest to the Secretariat or team members, but others are wonderful study or spiritual or just plain fun resources for ALL of us! To see some, take this article to your computer, and follow along!

To get to the NLS website, in your search line type: <http://www.viadecristo.org>. When the site comes up, click on one of the roosters to enter. From the list of available pages on the left, click on “Resources for Secretariats”. On that “Resources” page are buttons for ordering NLS supplies, Executive Board minutes, Post Weekend Resources (which includes an article on “Ultreya”), the history of VdC, artwork, music, etc. There is also a button labeled “NLS Meeting Forum Presentations – 1990-1999”, subtitled “Good Stuff! It surely is “good stuff”! Here are most of the keynote addresses, seminars, workshops and forums for the decade of the 90s! Chuck had downloaded and printed and READ each one of them (all 400 pages!) Boy, was I even impressed! However, he said THAT’S where his excitement came from! The keynote addresses are all awesome! He recommended that community members just print ONE item at a time and use it as a study or inspiration resource!

Some that he recommended included Luther Piel’s presentation on “Dynamics of a Via de Cristo Weekend” from 1991, Pastor Ed Simonson’s remembering “Twenty Years of Via de Cristo” from 1992, Pastor Peter Setzer’s Keynote Address from 1995 on “Group Reunion”, our own Fred Schneider’s “Sponsorship” forum from 1996, Oran Gough’s “Great Expectations” from 1977. I was blessed to be at most of these “events” when they were current, and was truly blessed and revved up to discover they aren’t in the past, but HERE and available to all of us!

Looking for a way to make YOUR Via de Cristo community more vibrant, your Via de Cristo experience growing and glowing? Then use the resources that are there! Not *everything* is everyone’s cup of tea, but if you love the Lord and believe Via de Cristo is one way to stay close to Him and bring others to Him, YOUR cup of tea WILL be here!

Happy fishing! We have been promised the material from 2000-2005 will be made available within the year!

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