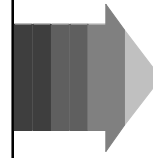


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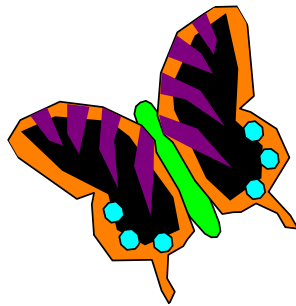
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WEEKEND
Nov. 7 - 10
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CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2002 :

WOMEN'S #46 - -Rector, Sharon Gsellman - - - AUG. 15-18
Above Weekends site:St. Leonard's Youth Retreat Center, Avon, OH

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

GET ON THE WEB====> Ohio Via de Cristo Website www.viadecristooh.org
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From the Lay Director

1. To present a highly structured weekend for Christians, designed to strengthen and renew the faith of the individuals, and through them strengthen and renew their families, congregations, and other people in their lives.
2. To provide and promote ongoing means of perseverance in participants' fourth days following the weekend experience.
3. To change our world based on the person and teaching of Jesus Christ as an ideal.

Can anyone guess where these words come from? They are the first three purpose statements from the third article of incorporation of Via de Cristo of Ohio established in 1987. They also form the second article of the Code of Regulations for Via de Cristo of Ohio.

Via de Cristo of Ohio is about the business of making known the very present saving grace of Jesus Christ and His way of Salvation. This is who we are and what we are all about. We are to strengthen fellow Christians who, in turn, strengthen all whom they contact. We provide the necessary means to sustain growth, strengthening and serving each other in our various communities.

Everything we do must have a purpose... and that purpose is directly a reflection of the third statement of the second article, Code of Regulations. Our purpose... everything we do... everything we are... must focus solely on the person and teaching of Jesus Christ as THE Ideal! Anything less is fruitless. That is what makes us different. Folks within the Via de Cristo community have truly embraced the Ideal... we have internalized what it means to be a Christian. We follow The Christ... The Messiah... Jesus of Nazareth... and no one else, period.

Too rigid a position? Let me ask you, "Who else is there?" "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Sometimes standing up for Christ will take everything we have... every part of our being... and in the case of our missionaries in foreign lands, their lives. God has a great mission for each of us. In this great nation we call The United States of America, God wants us to be bold for Christ. God wants us to be free from fear even in the face of much tribulation. His purpose is greater than any purpose we may conjure up.

We recently heard the parable of the farmer who had his workers plant wheat. In the darkness of night, the Evil One planted weeds among the wheat. This wheat, also known as darnel, grows to look just like wheat until harvest time, Then, and only then, does the darnel show its true colors apart from wheat, after the roots have intertwined making it impossible to remove the weeds without uprooting the wheat. Now, darnel is poisonous when eaten so it has to be separated from the wheat. This story has many levels of meaning, but the one I'd like you to focus on is the fact that darnel cannot kill the wheat. It can only imitate it. So, we should not fear the devil nor his works. They cannot kill us. And... at harvest time, the darnel (weeds) will be removed from the wheat.

Patience is the second message we can take from this lesson. Patience is not my personal strong suit. I find myself constantly fighting the urge to "do it myself... get it done now." But God has His plan and He is the one in control. He will separate the wheat from the weeds, even as I wait next to His field with the weed whacker ready to cut everything down. Thank God He has the patience to let the weeds grow. Thank God He doesn't always rely on the like of me. Sometimes my aim isn't the best, you know. With a weed whacker in hand, I could do some serious damage. He lets me do things... for sure... and He keeps me from doing things as well. Patience, and perseverance... insight and discernment. These are gifts God gives each of us. We need only ask Him for instructions on when and how to use them.

Keep the faith. Work in His garden. Be His disciples. To God be the Glory, Amen.

In Christ, Kevin W. Ayer

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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.

Women's Via de Cristo #46 - August 15 - 17



Let's think about and pray together for Ohio Women's Weekend #46:

We praise You, Lord!--for goodness we have already seen and for the blessings of Your Grace we are yet to experience!

Who besides You provided the retreat center and rent money? Who besides You would give an introvert a Rector's manual? Who besides You would inspire Prayer Partners to come forward of their own initiative in support of the team calling and team building process? Who besides You could have called out such a capable, loving, vulnerable, servant-hearted team?

You, Lord and You alone are the one who calls and empowers and it is always awesome for us to see Your work! Thank You, Loving Father, Provider, and Guide!

In this short time before the weekend, we continue to trust daily in Your control. Many team members are walking on water—stepping out in faith in new ways. Keep our eyes on You and Your empowerment. Don't let us sink into anxiety from trust in our human ability. Mercifully wrap each servant- even the most experienced—in the peace and joy which comes from a sense of Your presence with us. We have given ourselves to You and we are trusting You for wisdom and stamina and everything we need to be useful instruments of Grace to the pilgrims.

Thank You, Father, for the strength and encouragement You give us by the support of our families and in the loving care of the VdC fellowship of Ohio. Encourage each one who receives this newsletter to respond as we are able with some commitment of prayerful, audible, tangible Love for the pilgrims who will attend Weekend #46. May we all sense the privilege of working with You through palanca and presence. Might each pilgrim be overwhelmed with the existence of a community beyond the retreat center walls that is just as loving and just as welcoming as the community with whom they have had daily contact.

We know You are Faithful, Lord. You have used VdC weekends as a tool of Your Holy Spirit in the past. Please take this time as well. Use the Ohio VdC Community and this team to accomplish the unimaginable goodness You have intended for August 15-18th. Glorify Your Name, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Sharon Gsellman, Rector Women's #46

PALANCA LETTERS

Mark all letters: Sponsor, Spouse, Friend, or Community

Mail Palanca can be given to any team member. If needed, palanca can be mailed to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3725 Kent Road, Stow, OH 44224. Please mark "PALANCA for Women's #46 VDC Weekend" on the outside of the envelope.

Ohio Women's Weekend #46
August 15 - 18, 2002

Names received as of July 31st

Women's #46 Team		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position on Team</u>	<u>Home City</u>
Sharon Gsellman	Rector	Stow
Mary Crooks	Head Cha	Stow
Pr. Laurel Bobb	Spiritual Director	Stow
Pr. Denise Sager	Spiritual Director	Aurora
Lynn Steffey	Head Kitchen Cha	Stow
Amanda Hiles	Music Cha	Newark
Cindy Hiles	Palanca Cha	Newark
Robert Thomas	Chapel Cha	Doylestown
Julie McCreary	Asst. Chapel Cha	Stow
Judy Thompson	Gopher /Asst Palanca	Cuyahoga Falls
Connie Anderson	Kitchen Cha	Stow
Lynette Wahl	Kitchen Cha	Columbus
Kristi Sabin	Kitchen Cha	Stow
Gracia Luoma	Kitchen Cha	Stow
Leslie Crowe	Kitchen Cha	Parma
Judy Junker	Kitchen Cha	Parma Hts.
Anne Gsellman	Head Rollo Room Cha	Wadsworth
Gaynal Goebbel	Rollo Room Cha	Stow
Janet Paul	Rollo Room Cha	Stow
Helen Cox	Rollo Room Cha	Norton
Laura Steffey	Rollo Room Cha	Cuyahoga Falls
Marilyn Sesock	Rollo Room Cha	Parma
Becky Jensen	Escort Cha	Stow
Marilyn Smith	Ideal Roll	Norton
Laberta Swinehart	Laity Rollo	Columbus
Patty Huston-Holm	Piety Rollo	Canal Winchester
Loretta Cross	Study Rollo	Parma Hts.
Cindy Kronenberger	Action Rollo	Brunswick
Jane Koch	Leaders Rollo	Munroe Falls
Cherie Craig	Environment Rollo	Kent
Lori Hertlein	CCA Rollo	Carroll
Martha Mallen	Silent Professor	Mentor
Vince & Martha Mallen	Fourth Day Couple	Mentor

Pilgrims and Sponsors		
<u>PILGRIM</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>CHURCH, CITY</u>
Dawn Armstrong	Mark Armstrong	St. Paul, Bellville
Sherri Brokaw	Doug Pretorius	St. Paul, Belleville
Kathy McFerin	Patty Huston-Holm	David, Canal Winchester
Sharon Messner	Mary Crooks	Harvest Christ Ctr N. Canton
Erin Craig	Ron Craig	Trinity, Kent
Dot Burns	Cathy Doering	St. Paul, Sharon Center
Emily Hoff	Connie Anderson	St. Stephen, Stow
Janet Bergstrom	Gaynal Goebbel	St. Stephen, Stow
Dawn Princehorn	Sharon Dahlman	St. Jacob's, N. Canton
Dee Miklos	Robert Thomas	Trinity, Norton
Julie Lawson	Judy Thompson	St. Stephen, Stow
Gail Spahn	Connie Anderson	St. Stephen, Stow
Diane Hammett	Doug Pretorius	St. Paul Bellville
Margie Bauman	David Lann	Trinity, Kent
Betty Usner	David Lann/Jackie Randle	Trinity, Kent

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY
August 15 - 16

Thursday
 Send Off - 7:30 PM at
 St. Leonard's Retreat Center


Friday
 Ideal 10:30 AM
 Habitual Grace 11:45 AM
 Laity 1:40 PM
 Actual Grace 2:55 PM
 Piety 4:45 PM

SATURDAY
August 17

Study 9:00 AM
 Sacraments 10:20 AM
 Apostolic Action 1:15 PM
 Obstacles to Grace 2:55 PM
 Leaders 4:25 PM

Serenade Practice
5:00

PM



Serenade 6:00 PM

LOCATION FOR SERENADE



SUNDAY
August 18

Gather In Kitchen 5:45 AM **QUIETLY!!!**
 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/Ultreya 1:45 PM

Closing - 5:00 PM at



Send Off

St. Leonard's Retreat Center
 4076 Case Rd, Avon, 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) Turn right(north) on Case Rd. St. Leonard's will be on your left (approx 3 miles).

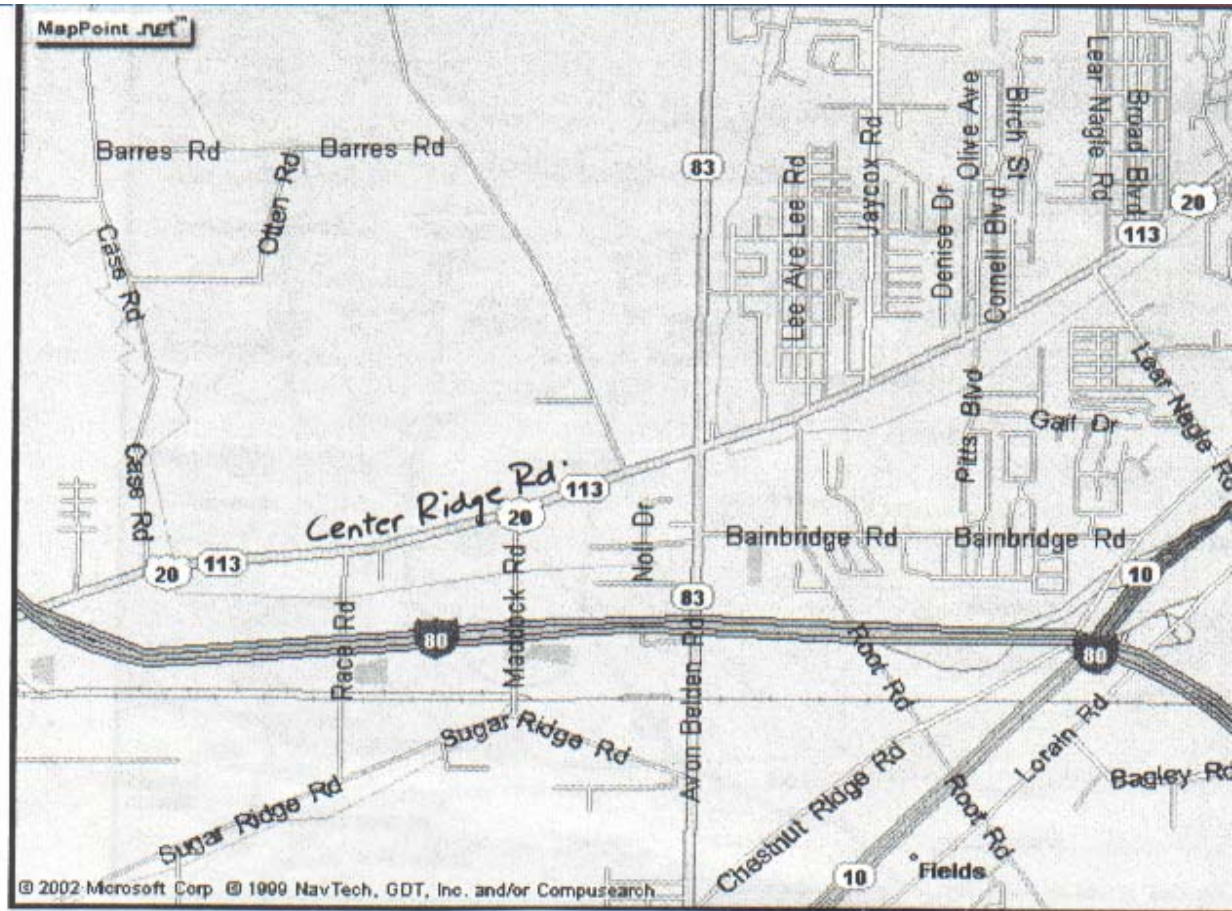
Note: Lear Nagle Road is under construction and will be closed during August, so we advise not using that route.



Serenade Practice and Closing

at Prince of Peace Church
 28455 Center Ridge, Westlake, OH
 (See map on separate page)

Exit 152 - Ohio Turnpike (80). Go Northeast on Loraine Rd. At Porter Road, turn left (North) to Center Ridge Rd. Turn Right (Northeast) on Center Ridge Road. Arrive at the church for practice at 5:00 PM. Arrive at the Center at 6:00 PM for the Serenade.



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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

**Women's
Weekend #46
Avon, OH**

August 15-18

**Map to
Serenade
Practice
and
Closing**

at

**Prince of Peace
Church
28455 Center
Ridge,
Westlake, OH**



Utreya!



For further details on these and other Utreyas in Ohio, contact:
Paul Swinehart
614-476-5979
Paul2303@aol.com

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Cincinnati - Monthly
First Saturdays, 7:30 pm - Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. healthy,
contact kevin Hoch, 513-913-8797

Columbus - Monthly - Lutheran-Episcopal 4th Fridays, 7:30 pm.
Contact Dick Logan at 614-965-9420 or Donna Gough at 614-899-1210

Dayton Lutheran Utreya - Monthly
Third Tuesday, 7:30 pm. For details, call Bob & Mary Ann Sauer at
513/294-3940, or Email: MASAUER@aol.com

Kent - call for dates and time:
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

Newark/Heath - Monthly
4th Sunday, 7:00 pm. St. John's Lutheran Church, Linneville Road,
Newark. Contact Pam Paynter. 614-323-0207

Parma Heights - Monthly
second Sundays, 4-8 pm, contact Fred Schuller (440)845-5621

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

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

Western Reserve - Monthly
Second Saturday, Epworth United Methodist Church, call Martha
Mallen (216) 257-0254

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

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.

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

Regional reps bring wealth of experience to movement

By Paul Swinehart, historian

The four Cursillistas who are the new Regional Representatives on the Ohio Via de Cristo Secretariat, bring nearly 50 years of experience to the movement. They are responsible for activities within the regions, including development, information, training and Ultreya/reunion groups.

Lay Director Kevin Ayer detailed his organization of the Secretariat in the last newsletter. Now, let's meet your regional reps:

Northeast Region--Ruth A. Lindsey, 1603 County Road 1095, Ashland, OH 44805, 419-207-8003. Her e-mail address is hospdie@neobright.net. If you wonder about that e-mail address, she is a nurse with experience in pediatrics. Presently, she is executive director of Hospice of North Central Ohio. She lists experience at Lutheran Medical Center and Parma General Hospital. She holds an RN Degree from Lutheran Medical Center, Cleveland.

Twenty years in Via de Cristo activities began when she attended Ohio Women's #3 in 1982. She was rector of Ohio Women's #6, rector of Indiana Women's #2 and rector of Ohio Women's Combined #40 in 2000. She has been head kitchen cha several times, not to mention giving Rollos and serving as cha and silent professor.

A native of Dayton, she was married to the late Robert Lindsey. They had three children and Ruth has been blessed with three grandchildren. She was confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church, Dayton. She presently attends St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville. OH.

Southeast Region--Greg Farra, Canal Winchester, OH, 614-836-3939, e-mail address is gmfarra@metacrawler.com. He is a painting contractor.

Greg was born in Germany to American parents. He came to Columbus in 1968, where he met his wife, Marsha. They were married in 1984. He became a Christian the next year. They have two children, Nathan, 15, and Abbie, 12.

He attended a weekend, Men's #20, in 1989, making a total of 13 years in the movement. He has served on several teams and has sponsored about a dozen pilgrims. He was rector of Men.s #44. He says, "attending a reunion group since my weekend has been a real blessing and help in my life." His message to Cursillistas is: "If I can help you in any way, feel free to contact me."

Southwest Region--Kevin Hoch, Mt. Healthy, OH, 513-931-8797, e-mail address, kihoch@prodigy.net.

Kevin attended Men's Via de Cristo weekend #17 in March, 1988, which gives him 14 years experience in the movement. He worships with his wife, Irene, and their children at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Healthy, a suburb of Cincinnati.

He has served on several teams in various capacities, including serving as rector in the fall of 2001, Men's #46. This is his first service on the Ohio Secretariat and he says he is looking forward to the opportunity.

Northwest Region--Doug Hewitt, 1136 Decker Ct., Miamisburg, OH 45342. 937-384-7029. His e-mail address is dhewitt@distro.com.

Doug worships at St. John Lutheran Church in Miamisburg. He made Men's Via de Cristo Men's weekend #44. He served on the team for Men's #46 as a kitchen cha.



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