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Men's #57 Weekend Apr 20 - 23 Columbus	CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!		
Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for the Weekend.			

UPCOMING WEEKENDS AND EVENTS 2006

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

NATIONAL VIA DE CRISTO ANNUAL MEETING
JUL 27 - 30, 2006 Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

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De Colores!

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From the Lay Director

De Colores!

It is a blessing, honor and pleasure to serve you again as Lay Director. It was a tough decision for me four years ago when I decided not to run for a second term as Lay Director. I love this movement very much and I felt like I was just getting used to the job. At that time I was presented with a different priority, being Scoutmaster of my son Dan's Boy Scout troop. I could not do both jobs well so I had to give up one. I knew I could be Lay Director again but I would only have a few years left where I could spend the time with Dan. I know I chose well.

Dan and I had quite an adventure together. We went whitewater rafting, canoed in the boundary waters of Minnesota and Ontario, kayaked to an island in the Florida Keys and backpacked in New Mexico. I look back at these adventures nostalgically now even though at the time each had its share of aches, pains and challenges. I was always amazed at how beautiful God's creation is. The sunrise on the ocean, climbing to the top of a mountain and seeing the Rocky Mountains in the distance, fishing at 10:00 at night while the sun was still setting on a desolate lake. At the end of our journey in Minnesota we stopped at a church near Duluth for Sunday services and during the service one of the songs that we enjoy in Via de Cristo was sung. While the song was sung I remember getting choked up reflecting on the adventure we had just completed while listening to a song that reminded me of God's Grace. It was truly a close moment with Christ.

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From the Lay Director

The top priority I have as lay director is to visit. I want to visit your Ultreya. I want to visit your church and worship with you. While at your church I am willing to do a temple talk about Via de Cristo, talk about it during an adult Sunday school class or just sit and worship with you. All I need is your invitation. If you are interested in having me visit your Ultreya or your church please feel free to email me at JTCFMS@aol.com or call me at 614-818-3975.

God Loves You and So Do I!

Jim Caldwell



From the Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the Men's Via de Cristo Weekend #57 approaches, I want to express my deep and sincere thanks for the many hours of sacrificial giving provided by the team, families, community and Secretariat. You have blessed me and shown me in so many practical ways how much God is a part of your lives. Thank you for all the prayers and support that you have provided to make this a special weekend. What a beautiful picture of God's grace in action! There is no doubt that God's Holy Spirit is at work in each of you, as you give of yourselves to make the weekend a success.

God has assembled a wonderful team of willing servants to carry His message of love and mercy to the Pilgrims. Each member was hand-chosen by God to utilize his own special gifts and provide their unique contribution in a way that only God could assemble. My heart goes out to the one special member, our dear friend Larry Evans, who had to drop off the team. We will continue to lift him up for healing and relief from his severe back pain. Special thanks to Rich for quickly jumping in to fill the void.

With the support of you, the community, through your gifts of palanca (prayer, letters, food, serenades and other special treats), this will be a most memorable weekend that will set each pilgrim up for their fourth day in a world full of challenges.

Again, I cannot begin to thank you enough for all of the time and energy you commit to this special movement. May God richly bless you always! He loves you and so do I.

Yours in Christ,

Dean Gatton

Rector, Men's No. 57

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF VIA DE CRISTO

by Pastor Al Sager

You may or may not have heard about Via de Cristo, formerly known as Cursillo. It's a renewal venture that came out of the Spanish Roman Catholic Church the middle of the last century, and has since been adapted by many Protestant groups as well. The Lutheran version is called "Via de Cristo," the way or path of Christ. Some of the Spanish color has been preserved to give it a distinctive flavoring.

As the "way of Christ," it offers a model for Christian discipleship. It begins with a long weekend event, from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Men have their own weekend. Women's weekend follows. Only full-time registrants are accepted.

Impetus for its origin lay in the fact that men were missing both from the church's pews and from leadership roles that impacted the community in the name of Christ. The founders believed that "Cursillo" (which means "short-course in Christianity"), if carefully designed, was just the kind of renewal event that could bring new enlivenment to men as potential "difference-makers".

I have been personally involved with this "gift of God to the church" for over a quarter century. On more than 20 weekends, I have seen remarkable Spirit-driven results.

It's unmistakably engaging. Yet it respects each person's place in their current walk with God. It's an EXPERIENCE of grace. Too often we simply talk about grace. It's a fun event. Who says men can't or won't laugh repeatedly at a church-sponsored event?

It's a live-in experience at a Roman Catholic facility (former school) in downtown Columbus that has been remodeled into a Cursillo Center. Its rustic character is part of its charm. Its space has been hallowed by countless spiritual blessings.

Fourteen presentations are followed by table conversation. Chapel visits and daily communion are provided. The first evening is capped off with a silent retreat. There is serious business, to be sure; yet, there are moments of high delight, humor, and great fellowship. The overall impact is clearly one of uplift. An all-male-kitchen-staff provide superb meals, believe me!

So much of our Christian formation is sketchy and piecemeal. When have you last had the opportunity to give focused attention to the entire basic body of Christian teaching that leads to a lived discipleship? Though ordained spiritual directors are present and contribute to the event, it is largely lay-led. A team headed by a lay "rector" gives weeks of preparation time to ready themselves to host these adventurous days.

So much happens in those packed days that it is hard to do justice to it all in a few words. And a few surprises shouldn't be spoiled by advance telling. Trust me, when Christian men are alone with God and with one another for several days, a memorable time gets shaped! I have yet to meet the first attendee who regrets having gone. Without fail, they benefit from the gifts God has waiting for them.

Is it a miracle weekend? It can be. Will it work magic? Decisively no! Attendees must be open to the God who allows us to remain distant, if that is our will. However, make no mistake about God's readiness to bless in richly surprising fashion. Come to risk a challenging exposure to the riches of God's bountiful goodness in a mix of truth-telling, praise, prayer, and hilarity. It truly is a man's event!

(Pastor Al Sager, Lead Spiritual Director for Men's #57, April 20-23, 2006)

Ohio Men's Weekend #57

April 20 - 23, 2006


Names received by Registrar as of Apr 17

Men's Team #57			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Position on Team	Home City	Pilgrim	Sponsor	Church, City
Dean Gatton	Rector	Westerville	Jordan Martin	Rev. Lisa Peterson	Peace Lutheran, Port Clinton
Butch Seeley	Head Cha	Johnstown	BJ Fleischmann	Rev. Peter Kruse	First Lutheran, Donnelsville
Rev. Allan Sager	Spiritual Director	Westerville	Dan Field	Donna Gough	St. Matthew's Episcopal, Westerville
Rev. Doug Pretorius	Spiritual Director	Bellville	Chris Gatton	Dean & Caryl Gatton	The Vineyard Church, Columbus
Mel Musser	Sp. Dir. in Training	Fairborn	Jarrold Spalding	Greg Farra	Dayspring Community Church, Canal Winchester
Dan Brill	Chapel Cha	Lewis Center	John McDowell	Kaye McDowell	St. Luke's Lutheran, Cuyahoga Falls
Mark Timberlake	Music Cha	Bellville	Brian McDowell	Kaye McDowell	St. Luke's Lutheran, Cuyahoga Falls
Raleigh Sandy	Palanca Cha	Centerville	Mark Peracchio	Kip Kanya	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights
Rich Maassel	Go-fer Cha	Westerville	John Rice	Greg Farra	Dayspring Community Church, Canal Winchester
Mel Hall	Head Kitchen Cha	Westerville	John Mills	Pete Bolig	Faith Lutheran, Cincinnati
Paul Martin	Kitchen Cha	Bellville	John Freese	Dan & Jeanne Arkfeld	Living Word Lutheran, Galena
Nate Piddock	Kitchen Cha	Fairborn	Tom Eaton	Kip Kanya	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights
Bruce Schwartz	Kitchen Cha	Pataskala	Jon Mayton	Nich Gatton	The Vineyard Church, Columbus
Rick Walkenhorst	Kitchen Cha	Cincinnati	Glenn McAllister	Rod Dumond	Grace Luth., Columbus
JohnWynkoop	Kitchen Cha	Hilliard	Terry Kemp	Rev. Allan Sager	Christ Lutheran, Bexley
Tony Latessa	Rollo Room Cha	Englewood	Robert Moore	Erlene Sager	Christ Lutheran, Bexley
Nich Gatton	Rollo Room Cha	Westerville	Carlton Monroe	Rev. Denise Sager	New Covenant Lutheran, East Cleveland
Michael Murray	Rollo Room Cha	Westerville	Jim Reed	Cy Kilgore	Holy Trinity Lutheran, Mansfield
Bill O'Malley	Rollo Room Cha	Huber Heights	Jeff Hackenbracht	Mel Hall	Hope Lutheran, Sunbury
Skip Wilson	Rollo Room Cha	Carroll			
Doug Hertlein	Ideal Rollo	Sunbury			
John Schalip	Laity Rollo	Westerville			
Steve Briner	Piety Rollo	Mansfield			
Bob Glessner	Study Rollo	Pataskala			
Dick Hatch	Action Rollo	Cincinnati			
Kevin Hoch	Leaders Rollo	Canal Winchester			
Tim Sperling	Environment Rollo	North Royalton			
Kip Kanya	CCA Rollo	Fairborn			
Don Piddock	4 th Day Rollo	Huber Heights			
Bill Evans	Silent Professor	Zanesville			
Lee Gatton	Silent Professor	Dayton			
Kevin Ayer	Observing Rec / JOG	Westerville			
Dan & Jeanne Arkfeld	Fourth Day Couple				

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

THURSDAY & FRIDAY Apr 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 Apr 23	
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	1:00 PM
4 th Day	2:45 PM
Closing - 5:30 PM At Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)	

SATURDAY Apr 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)	
	
Serenade	6:00 PM

SEND-OFF & CLOSING ---- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4500 REFUGEE RD., 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 dir.

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 ---- LINDEN LUTHERAN , 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

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.

Pataskala - Monthly First Sunday, 6:30 PM at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 7714 Hazelton-Etna Road (SR310) in Pataskala, contact Tony Starn astarn@columbus.rr.com

Dayton Lutheran Ultreya (Tuesday's) - 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

Dayton Lutheran Ultreya (Saturday's) - Monthly First Saturday, 7:00 pm at Abiding Christ Lutheran Church, 326 Dayton-Yellow Springs Road in Fairborn For details, contact Kevin and Lynn Ayer, ayer4ce1@yahoo.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

Please note the addition of 2 more Ultreya's to our Ultreya list:

A second Dayton Ultreya started by Kevin and Lynn Ayer.

A Pataskala Ultreya started by Tony and Jane Starn.