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**UPCOMING WEEKENDS AND EVENTS 2006**

<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 - Doug Hertlein</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #59</b>	<b>NOV 2 - 5, 2006</b>	<b>Rectora - Jackie Lann</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		

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

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## From the Lay Director

Over the last few months the Las Vegas chamber of commerce has had an ad campaign out that says “what happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas.” The ad insinuates that you would never want folks back home to know what you have been up to while you have been away. In one ad two women introduce themselves using character names from well known TV shows like Lucy and Ethel. In another a man tells every new woman he meets that he is in a different profession. The ads are kind of funny, but at the same time provide an interesting commentary on the times we live in.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 1:16 states: “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...” In Via de Cristo we want what happened at the Cum Cristo Center and at St. Leonard’s to be shared with the world. Our task in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day is to share the love of Christ. We are to take what we learned during our weekend and change our environments by making friends, being friends and leading those friends to Jesus Christ. Our goal should be that our family, our co workers and our closest friends would look at us and say – “whatever you have I want”. That is when we know that we are reflecting God’s love to the world.

We have been blessed this spring with a lot of pilgrims for both weekends. But for some reason in the summer and fall we at times have had a challenge getting pilgrims. Pray for Wilma and her team this weekend but at the same time also start praying for our summer and fall weekends and ask God to give you guidance on who you should ask to attend now. Remember if you are interested in having me visit your Ultreya or your church please feel free to email me at [JTCFMS@aol.com](mailto:JTCFMS@aol.com) or call me at 614-818-3975.

God Loves You and So Do !!

Jim Caldwell

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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.

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From the Rectora



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our God is an awesome God! He has brought together a group of women and one man with one goal, to serve him. It has been a blessing to witness their love and compassion as we have grown together as a team. This has all being done with the sole aim of being a servant, as Christ was, to the pilgrims that He has called to this weekend. Thru this building process, God has continually shown us He is in complete control. No sooner has a problem arisen, then we realized that God has already prepared a solution and it was right there in front of us.

I want to thank the families, community and the Secretariat for all the support and prayers that have been offered up for us. And I ask that you please continue to keep the team and especially the pilgrims in your prayers. Your support thru palanca letters and your presence at the serenade, wake up and closing will be a visible witness of your love for Christ and your love for the pilgrims. I can't think of a better way to start the new Cursillistas off on their fourth day than by surrounding them with their Via de Cristo family.

God loves you and so do I,

Wilma Keller

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.



## **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 Women's Weekend #57

May 18 - 21, 2006

Names received by Registrar as of May 18

Women's Team #57			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Position on Team	Home City	Pilgrim	Sponsor	Church, City
Wilma Keller	Rectora	Newark	Jessica Lawrence	Rhonda Gallagher	Messiah Lutheran, Akron
Julie Overmeyer	Head Cha	Columbus	Sue Spear	Rhonda Gallagher	Messiah Lutheran, Akron
Peter Kruse	Spiritual Director	Donnelsville	Vicki Valley	Mary Donnellan	First Lutheran, Donnelsville
Dawn Donato	Spiritual Director	Mansfield			
Lynette Wahl	Chapel Cha	Columbus	Dixie Schmid	Mary Donnellan	Faith in Christ Lutheran, Springfield
Judy Pochard	Music Cha	Hamilton			
Jen Briner	Palanca Cha	Westerville	Mary Beth Adams	Lynette Wahl	Fellowship Baptist, Columbus
Kathy Sperling	Gofor Cha	Canal Winchester			
Ruth Lindsey	Head Kitchen Cha	Bellville	Margery Stoodt	Carolyn Stoner	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Karen Schwartz	Kitchen Cha	Pataskala			
Sandy Moller	Kitchen Cha	London	Mary Wise	Alwine Stull	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Jan Clark	Kitchen Cha	Reynoldsburg			
Amy Hodges	Kitchen Cha	Galena	Sheryl Freese	Dan & Jeanne Arkfeld	Living Word Lutheran, Galena
Mary McNutt	Kitchen Cha	Columbus			
Teri Wilson	Hd. Rollo Room Cha	Dayton	Dee Childress	Lynn Ayer	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Julie Bloomer	Rollo Room Cha	Springfield			
Arlene Drumm	Rollo Room Cha	Gahanna	Margie Stone	Laberta Swinehart	Linden Lutheran, Columbus
Carol Bowman	Rollo Room Cha	Canal Winchester			
Angie Florea	Rollo Room Cha	Cincinnati	Mary Hackworth	Nancy Snyder	Crossroads, Mansfield
Danielle Peyton	Rollo Room Cha	Pickerington	Felicia Scott	Jackie & Dave Lann	Trinity Lutheran, Kent
Christy Brill	Ideal Rollo	Lewis Center	Vicki Johnson	Jackie & Dave Lann	Trinity Lutheran, Kent
Connie Maassel	Laity Rollo	Westerville	Ronda Harvey	Dick & Peggy Retherford	New Bethel, Youngstown
Barb Ostermeier	Piety Rollo	Burlington, KY			
Laberta Swinehart	Study Rollo	Columbus	Erin Harmon	Nich & Deborah Gatton	Vineyard, Columbus
Lise Puskas	Action Rollo	Baltimore			
Jackie Lann	Leaders Rollo	Ravenna	Sandy Bricker	Anne Heughebart	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala
Peggy Retherford	Environment Rollo	Galena			
Nancy Channel	CCA Rollo	Newark	Donna Ruark	Karen Schwartz	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala
Hilde Hildebrandt	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Rollo	Buckeye Lake			
Cathy Doering	Observing Rectora	Wadsworth	Susie Engle	Lyn Reed	Christ Lutheran, Bexley
Randy & Lisa Lang	Fourth Day Couple	Newark	Terri Muha	Sandy Moller	Madison County Vineyard
			Charla Sheppard	Danielle Peyton	Church of Christ of the Apostolic, Columbus

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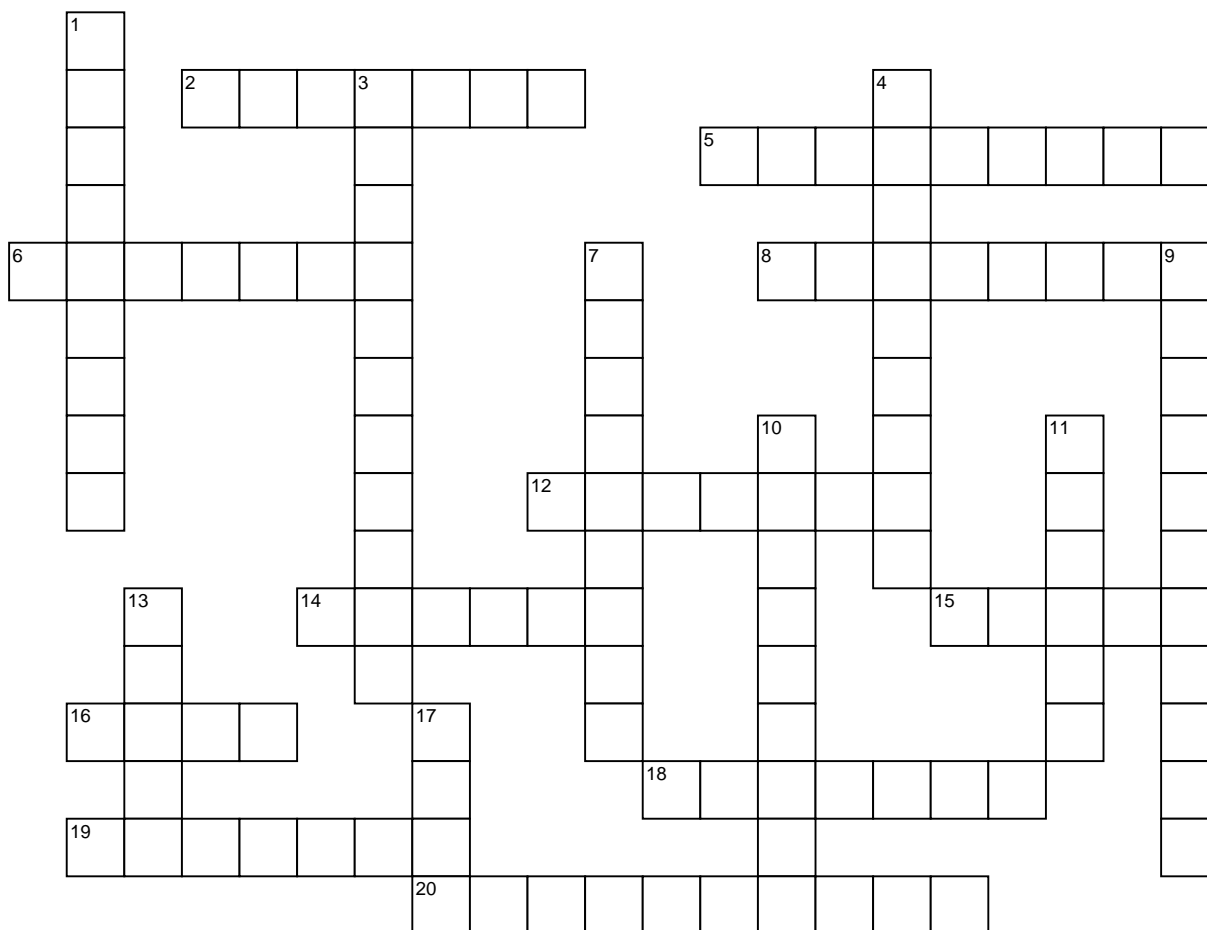
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THURSDAY & FRIDAY May 18 & 19	
Thursday	
Send Off - 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)	
Friday	
Ideal	10:10 AM
Grace	11:15 AM
Laity	1:40 PM
Grace in Action	2:55 PM
Piety	4:35 PM

SATURDAY May 20	
Study	9:00 AM
Day in the Life	10:20 AM
Apostolic Action	1:15 PM
Obstacles to Grace	2:45 PM
Leaders	4:25 PM
Serenade Practice at Linden Lutheran, Columbus at 5:00 PM (Directions later in newsletter)	
<b>Serenade</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>

SUNDAY May 21	
Gather In Kitchen 5:45 AM	<b>QUIETLY!!!</b>
Wake-up Serenade - 6:00 AM	
Environment	9:20 AM
Life of Grace	10:40 AM
Christian Community	11:55 AM
Group Reunion	1:25 PM
Fourth Day	3:10 PM
Closing - <b>5:30 PM</b> At Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions later in newsletter)	

## Via de Cristo Crossword



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### ACROSS

- 2 Clausura
- 5 "All in color"
- 6 Barnyard fowl
- 8 Music from Community
- 12 Evening poster presentation
- 14 Prison ministry
- 15 Country where "Cursillo" movement started
- 16 Melodious instrument
- 18 "Lever" in Spanish
- 19 Gathering of reunion groups
- 20 Northern weekend location

### DOWN

- 1 Ohio Spiritual Director Doug \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Governing body of Via de Cristo
- 4 The rest of your life
- 7 Lay speaker
- 9 Sunday rollo
- 10 Table of \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Methodist version of the "Cursillo" movement
- 13 Table name at every weekend
- 17 Mobile servants

## ULTREYA's in OHIO

**ULTREYA! in OHIO** For further details on these and other Ultreya's 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Dalpn@aol.com)

**Sharon Center - Bi-monthly** Second Sunday every other month (Jan, March, May, Jul, Sep, Nov) This will start in September, 2006. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6462 Ridge Rd., Sharon Center. Details or questions contact Cathy Doering, 330-239-0027 or [cdoering1@aol.com](mailto:cdoering1@aol.com)

**Please note the addition to our Ultreya list: A Sharon Center Ultreya started by Cathy Doering.**

Rhonda Gallagher who has served on Kairos and Tres Dias weekends, will be the speaker Saturday evening, June 3 for an Ultreya at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6462 Ridge Rd., Sharon Center. It will be a potluck. For more details, call Cathy Doering 330-239-0027 or e-mail her at [cdoering1@aol.com](mailto:cdoering1@aol.com)



## Directions to Grace Lutheran and Linden Lutheran

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**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 ---- LINDEN LUTHERAN , 1230 OAKLAND PARK AVE., COLUMBUS**

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