

Christians Encounter Christ

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Welcome New 4th Dayers!!!!

Men-

Gary Beller
Jim Blum
John Boni
Jim Carroll
Jerry Delaney
Chad Hall
Mike Hindes
Jim Hottovy
Tim Lonergan
George Nelson
John Pakiz
Tracy Rannells
Ken Sorensen
Craig Steel, Jr
Joe Stein
Doug Wellens
John Willms
Greg Youell

Women-

Barb Baxter
Pat Blum
Karol Carroll
Patti Delaney
Virginia Draus
Vicki Golka
Marian Hindes
Tam Hottovy
Pat Lammers
Marilou Lonergan
Lesa Long
Nancy Martin
Robin McGahan
Kathy Nelson
Colleen Pecha
Tonia Steel
Donna Stein
Heather Vyff
Vanessa Wellens
Tracie Youell

Congratulations New OALC officers:

Steve McCarville – President
Mike Langenegger – Vice-President
Diane Burton – Secretary
Bob Thomsen – Treasurer

Thank you for your willingness to serve CEC.

Post CEC Committee

The picnic at Pipal Park was held on June 10th. We had a little rain, but not enough to spoil the afternoon. As usual the fellowship and food was enjoyed by all.

The Hayrack Ride was cancelled, at the last minute due to the muddy fields, beyond our control.

A Deacon potluck was held on Sunday, November 19th to honor all of the CEC Deacons and Dave Kline & Greg Mouton, who were newly ordained. We are proud to honor all of the CEC Deacons and their wives for all of their dedication to CEC and to their parishes. It was well attended, and as always there was plenty of food. It is so great to have such a great attendance!

December 10th we will meet at Saint Elizabeth Ann Church, 114th Fort Street at 3:30 P.M. to go caroling and will return to SEA Parish Center for a soup & dessert supper. Please RSVP by December 5th to lfrance2@cox.net or by calling 572-8957.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas of activities that you would like to suggest that we do by calling me at 402-572-8957 or e-mail lfrance2@cox.net

DeColores!

La Donna France
Post CEC Committee Chair

CEC Committee

DeColores to all the new 4th Dayers!

We hope your daily walk with Jesus has a new spring in your step. Welcome! The new facilities worked well according to the back tables. Many hands and minds working early made for an easy transition. A special thanks to all involved in the process. Your work did not go unnoticed.

Team formation for the Spring 2007 teams will be forming soon! Think about your "yes" when asked to work team. God puts us where **He** needs us, and He may be calling your name. "Listen for His call"

DeColores,
Jan Ekstrom
CEC Committee Chair

MOQ Ultreya Christmas Party (Special Guest: J.C.)

Join us for the second annual Christmas party, given by the ultreya reps for Mary our Queen. All 4th dayers are invited.

Please bring your spouse, friend, or significant other (guests need not have attended a CEC weekend).

Place: Mary Our Queen
 3535 S. 119, Omaha
 (it might be in cafeteria)

Date: Dec.15, 2006

Time: 8:00 -10:00 p.m.
 Food and drinks provided.

To help estimate the attendance, please e-mail Bob Thomsen, ultreya rep., at fourthdayer@yahoo.com (but not required.)

Message from the Outgoing President

Welcome to all of the new members of the 4th day community. I hope that you will take advantage of the many things that CEC offers including group reunion, ultreyas, social events, workshops, working weekends, attending closings, serving on Leadership Council, and the prayer chain. We are always looking for new people to get involved in our activities.

Many thanks to all of the team members who worked so hard to make our first set of weekends at the new facility a success. Special thanks and congratulations to Jeff Selzle and Carol Windler for leading those weekends!

CEC runs off of a fiscal year beginning December 1st, and ending November 30th. I want to wish Steve McCarville all the best as he moves into the President's chair for the coming year. Steve has been active in and dedicated to CEC for many years and I know that he will do a wonderful job. My prayers will be with him and all of the other officers and committee chairs throughout the next twelve months.

To all of the members of this movement, I thank you for the help, advice, corrections, and spiritual assistance that you've provided me - especially Mary Ann Gaddie, who has gone way above the call of duty in assisting me in the past year. If I can be even a fraction of the help to Steve that Mary Ann has been to me, he will be truly blessed.

De Colores,
Jim Wingender - President

Prayer Line Information:

Contact Teri Rieck for prayer requests or to be added to the prayer chain.
 402-330-3565 dtrieck@cox.net

Thoughts to Ponder by Steve McCarville

We had two very successful weekends at the ARCC-Archdiocesan Retreat and Conference Center. The general consensus was that the new home of CEC is a comfortable one. Change can be a challenge but it can also be useful. I am pondering that idea as I prepare to take over the reins of CEC from the very capable hands of Jim Wingender. I feel humbled and also ask myself, "Why the heck, did I say YES when asked to run for Vice-President? What did I get myself into?" It is a very humbling experience.

I recently had a conversation with Fr. George Karnik, who is one of the leaders of CEW, a group of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, who conduct weekends similar to CEC weekends. Their weekends resemble ours in most ways but not in all ways. It was an interesting sharing of views.

I have often said that the goal of CEC is not to hold weekends to get 30 candidates on a weekend but to get people to make a change in their lives. I do not consider myself "born again." I prefer the term "conversion" or "metanoia." This means you turn towards God after years of half-hearted service. We hold weekends to get people to group, to change their lives. Father pointed something out. Another way to evaluate our method is to see what happens to the candidates. Do they become better Christians? Do they get involved in their parish? Do they start going to confession and mass? Do they become better husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, coaches, bosses, workers, etc? Look at the number of CEC veterans who have become deacons and the wives of deacons. They might even start a Catholic radio station.

I also remember the adage: "Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ." One of my favorite leaders was a man named Darryl. Darryl invited a man who was working a weekend to carpool with him to the team meetings. The guy was shy but through Darryl's methods he became a great member of the prayer team and later the kitchen team. Dale got a quick bite to eat after a long day of work, a companion on a road trip and learned how to change people's lives quietly and effectively.

Recently, I have been delving into Benedictine Spirituality. One of the first lessons to learn is that we need to "listen." When these monks make a decision of importance, the leader asks for input from all the monks: those that have been at the abbey for 50 years and those that have been there five years.

I will do my best to listen and welcome our CEC brethren. I hope we will see growth and continued improvement. Several popes, bishops, priests and lay people have seen the fruits of our labors and praise this new evangelization. Here are some goals or challenges to consider:

1. Try to get 10 "nos" for potential candidates making a weekend. Keep asking until 10 people have told you "no."
2. Go to group or find a group. Help someone else find a group.
3. Go to an ultreya before the next CEC weekend.
4. Go to the next closing.
5. Write a palanca and deliver it.
6. Bake some cookies for the next weekend.
7. Go to an OALC meeting to see if Steve can conduct business effectively.
8. Ask a priest, nun, brother or deacon to make a weekend.
9. Look at the notes from a talk you heard, read some old palanca, call someone you used to group with to see how they are doing.
10. Go to the "Gravy Bowl." Fathers versus sons. Have a laugh. Thanksgiving Day at the St. Leo's Soccer Field following 9:00 am mass. BYOD-Bring Your Own Defibrillator.

Ultreyas

Date	Location	Time
1 st Friday	St. Margaret Mary Suneg Center 61 st and Dodge	7:30 p.m.
2 nd Thursday	St. Patrick's Church Fremont	7:00 p.m.
2 nd Friday	St. Philip Neri Church Basement – 8200 N. 30 th Omaha (use side door)	7:30 p.m.
3 rd Friday	Mary Our Queen Parish Center 3535 S. 119, Omaha	8:00 p.m.
3 rd Saturday	St. Elizabeth Ann Parish Center 114 th and Fort, Omaha	7:00 p.m.
4 th Thursday	Sts. Peter & Paul Church Cafeteria 5904 S. 36 St., Omaha	7:30 p.m.

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Upcoming Weekends:

Spring 2007	Men	March 9-11, 2007
	Women	March 16-18 2007
Fall 2007	Men	Oct. 12-14, 2007
	Women	Oct. 26-28, 2007

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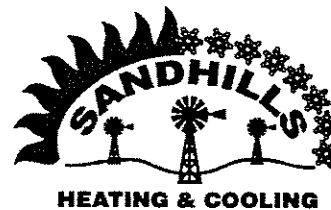
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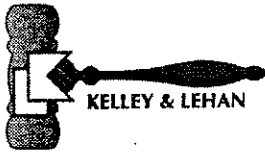
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