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Welcome New 4th Dayers!!

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*"Whoever humbles
himself as this little child,
he is the greatest in the
kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 18:4



*"But before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in him;
and before they can believe in him, they must hear about him
and for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them."*

--- Romans 10:14

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

2008 Weekend Dates:

Fall of 2008

Men October 3-5

Women October 17-19

Spring of 2009

Men March 13-15

Women March 27-29

Fall of 2009

Men October 2-4

Women October 16-18

Location:

The Archdiocesan Retreat and Conference Center (ARCC)
3330 North 60th Street (Bldg D)

Fourth Day Mass:

6:30 pm Sunday, Main Floor of the ARCC

Palanca:

Palanca is our individual support to each other. The Lever that holds us up through our weekend and through our lives.

Please drop off palanca Friday evening until noon Sunday at the main door of the AARC in the white Palanca box on the porch at the main entrance.

Upcoming CEC Events

CEC Family Picnic

June 14, 2008 Noon – 4:00
Pipal Park (78th & Center)

CEC Mass & Pancake Breakfast

July 19, 2008 Mass at 9:00am
Cooper Farm, Inc.

From the President

Mike Langenegger

Dear CEC 4th Dayers:

"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service, but the same Lord. There are many forms of work, but all of them, in all men, are the work of the same God. In each of us the Spirit is manifested in one particular way, for some useful purpose. One man, through the Spirit, has the gift of wise speech while another by the power of the same Spirit, can put the deepest knowledge into words. Another, by the same Spirit, is granted faith; another, by the one Spirit, gifts of healing, and another miraculous powers; another has the gift of prophecy, and another the ability to distinguish true spirits from false; yet another has the gift of ecstatic utterance of different kinds, and another the ability to interpret it. But all of these gifts are the work of one and the same Spirit, distributing them separately to each individual at will" - 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

I recently read a story in a book called Compassion by Henry J M Nouwen. Yes, on occasion I actually do read. This story is about a French high wire artist named Philippe Petit who was a circus performer.

His act was not glamorous. It was very playful. He walked on steel wire stretched between two small towers, making it seem more like a dance than a balancing act. He acted as if he were conquering the towers and made people laugh with easy jumps. But then something unusual took place which revealed his real talent. At the end of his performance, he walked down on a wire strung between the tower and the sandy floor. Since this was extremely difficult, everyone followed him with special attention. You could see people biting their nails and exclaiming, "How is this possible? How can he do it?"

Attention, as well as tension, grew and all kept their eyes on his outstretched arms. Everyone was so engrossed in his act that no one realized that for five seconds Philippe had been walking on the safe floor! Only after he himself looked down to the floor with a puzzled face and then up to the stands with happily surprised eyes did the tension break and everyone explode into roaring applause. That was the real artistic moment, because Philippe, the artist, had been able to make his viewers look with admiration at an act that everyone else could do too: walking on the floor! The great talent of this high-wire artist was not so much that he could evoke admiration for an act nobody could imitate, but that he could make us look at amazement at something we can all do together. Therefore, the applause that Philippe received was not simply an expression of excitement over the special feat of dancing between two towers; it was also an expression of gratitude for the rediscovery of the miracle that we can walk safely on the floor.

As I reflect on the weekends that have just been completed I would like to thank Bob Gaddie, Jr., Rick Bellino, Joe Campagna, Fr. Carl Zoucha, Helen Andrews, Kaye Bellino, Mary Timmons, Fr. Frank Dvorak and all the team members for their commitment and work. I would also like to thank the CEC community for their prayers and sacrifices and for bringing 29 men and 26 women into our community.

Your brother-in-Christ,
Mike

Post CEC Committee

Carol Windler Brenda Benskin

The Post CEC committee has been very busy with the recent 4th Day closings at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center this April. We would like to thank several individuals who assisted with the 4th Day Masses. Thank you 4th Day closing Mass celebrants, Father Damian Zuerlein and Deacon Marty Warwick (Men's weekend), and Father Bill O'Leary and Deacon Randy Grosse (Women's weekend). We would also like to thank Father Pat McLaughlin who was a concelebrant at both Masses. We would also like to extend a very special "thank you" to Rick France, who in addition to assisting with setting up the women's closing, also assisted with men's, since both Carol and I were working the women's weekend.

On May 3, 2008, the 3rd annual Potluck/Game night was held, at St. Elizabeth Ann. We had a good turn out for this event. The CEC community and several new 4th Dayers enjoyed a potluck dinner and the various games, which were combined with lots of laughter.

Mark your calendars!

June 14th

A family picnic will be held at Pipal Park at 78th and Center from noon - 4:00. Chicken, beverages, and paper products will be provided. Each individual or family attending is asked to share a dish. (You might want to bring lawn chairs.) This is a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

July 19th

The 7th Annual Family Mass and Pancake breakfast at Cooper Village Inc. Farm, 8502 N Mormon Bridge Rd, Hill Top Pavilion. Mass usually starts at 9:00 am. Everything for the pancake breakfast will be provided, although a freewill offering will be accepted.

If you ever have any suggestions or questions, please contact Brenda Benskin at 706-7043 or Carol Windler at 334-5896.

DeColores!

Carol & Brenda

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*"Come to Me, all who are
weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest."*

Matthew 11:28

PRAYER TO BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS

God, our Father, You redeemed us and made us Your children in Christ. Through Him You have saved us from death and given us Your Divine life of grace. By becoming more like Jesus on earth, may I come to share His glory in Heaven. Give me the peace of Your kingdom, which this world does not give. By Your loving care protect the good You have given me. Open my eyes to the wonders of Your Love that I may serve You with a willing heart

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internet or have email access only,
please contact me for an electronic or
paper version of this Newsletter.

CEC Committee Chair

Mary Ann Gaddie

A CEC committee meeting date will be chosen this Sunday at Leadership Council.

DeColores,
Mary Ann



ULTREYAS

Date	Time	Church Location
1 ST Friday	7:30 p.m.	St. Margaret Mary - Suneg Center - 61 st & Dodge
1 ST Saturday	9:00 a.m.	St. Patrick's - Fremont (following 8:00 a.m. Mass)
2 nd Friday	7:30 p.m.	St. Philip Neri - Basement - 8200 N 30 th , (N.E. door)
3 rd Friday	8:00 p.m.	Mary Our Queen - Parish Center - 3405 S 119 th
3 rd Saturday	7:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann - Parish Center - 114 th and Fort
4 th Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Sts. Peter & Paul - Gym Lobby Doors - 3623 X St

CEC develops in adult Christians an awareness of their power and mission to become leaders in the work of evangelization, and provides support to sustain them as they persevere in their work as Christian leaven in family, civic, social and economic life. This support is provided through their ongoing participation in the 4th day reunions. In a Group Reunion, 4-5 people meet weekly to reflect, pray and encourage each other in their discipleship. Ultreya is a reunion of the larger 4th Day community. At an Ultreya, the community spirit of the weekend is continued through group reunion, witness, reflection on the witness, a shared prayer and fellowship.

Prayer of a Disciple

Jesus Truth, you called the disciples to leave everything and follow you. You formed them in your truth as they sat at your feet and shared with you your very life. Grant me the attitude of a true disciple, a listening heart, a detached spirit, and a gaze fixed on you. May I learn something of you in every circumstance of my daily life so that I may come to know you. You said to your followers: "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (Jn. 8:32). Make my faith solid, and free my mind from error and ignorance, so that in knowing you I may begin the journey of transformation, of becoming who you have called me to be.

--- Sr. Mariangeles Caridad

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OALC Meetings:

The Omaha Area Leadership

Council meets monthly. You are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be August 10, 2008 at Mary Our Queen (3405 S 118th Street) at 7:00pm.

Future 2008 Meeting dates are:

May 4
June & July (no meetings)
August 10
September 21
October 12
November 9
December 14

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SMM = St. Margaret SPF = St. Patrick's - Fremont SPN = St. Philip Neri
 MOQ = Mary Our Queen Mary SEA = St. Elizabeth Ann SPP = Sts. Peter & Paul

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 The Ascension of Our Lord	2 Ultreya - SMM 7:30	3 Ultreya - SPF (following 8am Mass) Potluck & Game Night SEA
4 OALC Meeting - MOQ 7:00	5	6	7	8	9 Ultreya - SPN 7:30	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16 Ultreya - MOQ 8:00	17 Ultreya - SEA 7:00
18	19	20	21	22 Ultreya - SPP 7:30 pm	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Ultreya - SMM 7:30 pm	7 Ultreya - SPF(following 8am Mass)
8	9	10	11	12	13 Ultreya - SPN 7:30 pm	14 Family Picnic - Pipal Park noon - 4:00 pm Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20 Ultreya - MOQ 8:00 pm	21 Ultreya - SEA 7:00 pm
22	23	24	25	26 Ultreya - SPP 7:30 pm	27	28
29	30					

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Ultreya - SMM 7:30 CANCELLED Independence Day	5 Ultreya - SPF(following 8am Mass)
6	7	8	9	10	11 Ultreya - SPN 7:30	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Ultreya - MOQ 8:00	19 9am Mass & Pancake Breakfast - Cooper Village Inc. Ultreya - SEA 7:00
20	21	22	23	24 Ultreya - SPP 7:30	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Ultreya - SMM 7:30	2 Ultreya - SPF(following 8am Mass)
3	4	5	6	7	8 Ultreya - SPN 7:30	9
10 OALC Meeting - MOQ 7:00	11	12	13	14	15 Ultreya - MOQ 8:00 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16 Ultreya - SEA 7:00
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Ultreya - SPP 7:30	29	30
31						

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5 Ultreya - SMM 7:30	6 Ultreya - SPF(following 8am Mass)
7 Grandparents' day	8	9	10	11	12 Ultreya - SPN 7:30	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Ultreya - MOQ 8:00	20 Ultreya - SEA 7:00
21 OALC Meeting - MOQ 7:00	22	23	24	25 Ultreya - SPP 7:30	26	27
28	29	30				

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Ultreya - SMM 7:30 Men's Weekend	4 Ultreya - SPF(following 8am Mass) Men's Weekend
5 Men's Weekend	6	7	8	9	10 Ultreya - SPN 7:30	11
12 OALC Meeting - MOQ 7:00	13	14	15	16	17 Ultreya - MOQ 8:00 Women's Weekend	18 Ultreya - SEA 7:00 Women's Weekend
19 Women's Weekend	20	21	22	23 Ultreya - SPP 7:30	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	