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From the President

Mike Langenneger

Dear CEC Community:

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What is the Duty of a Shepherd?

To strengthen what is weak,
To bind up what is broken,
To bring back what was driven away,
To preserve what is well and strong.



A true Shepherd should be
A burning and shining light,
Burning interiorly and shining exteriorly.
On fire in prayer
A light to others in action.

To shine only exteriorly is vanity.
To burn solely within is something,
But it is not enough for a Shepherd of souls.

To be shining and burning is holiness.
This light must be strong and brilliant.
And it must come from a torch.
So flaming and fiery that it cannot be extinguished!

St. John Eudes

*"These things I have
spoken to you, so that in
Me you may have peace.
In the world you have
tribulation, but take
courage; I have
overcome the world."*

John 16:33

Father Tom Ward lived this prayer. I know this because Tom was in "OUR" group for over 20 years. Hardly a day goes by where I do not use something that he taught me. I remember way back in 1986 when I was asked to give a talk. I was really struggling with trying to put together this talk. I kept coming to group and a great deal of what I talked about was how I was struggling with this talk. Tom asked me finally if I believed that Jesus could use me as His instrument and that He really could speak through me. I answered him with an affirmative yes. He then said "Well then get out of the way and let Jesus speak". After I heard this I took Tom's suggestion and the talk just seemed to flow from that point forward.

Tom was a pastor in many places such as Jackson, Albion, Bellevue and Omaha to name a few. He knew people from all over the state. I remember when he was in Bellevue, NE at St. Mary's and he came to group one day and said the Archbishop of Canterbury had called him to do a retreat for priests. Tom was known nationally and internationally as a retreat master with his passion being in the area of giving retreats for priests.

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Fall Weekend Team Members

Men's Team October 3-5, 2008

“And those He predestined He also called; and those He called He also justified; and those He justified he also glorified.”

Romans 8:31

Men's Fall Weekend
October 3-5, 2008

Women's Fall Weekend
October 17-19, 2008

Location:

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

Fourth Day Mass:

6:30 pm Sunday

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 ARCC in the white Palanca box.

Upcoming Weekends:

Spring of 2009

Men March 13 -15

Women March 27-29

Fall of 2009

Men October 2-4

Women October 16-18

Back Table

Fr. Mike Grewe
Rick Bellino - Coord.
Nick Rasmussen - Asst. Coord.
Bob Thomsen - Asst. Coord.

Talk Team

Ideal - Dick Hyde
Laity - Jamie Sell
Piety - Jim Bitzes
Study - Tony Ulrich
Action - Mark Zimmer
Leaders - Ken True
Environment - Bob Thomsen
Christian Community - Nick Rasmussen
Group Reunion/Ultreya - Rick Bellino

Table Assts.

Rick Ekstrom
Ken Grosse
Rick France
Walt Grosse
Paul Reinhart
John Klimek

Priest Talks

Grace - Fr. Al Utzig
Faith - Fr. Ralph O'Donnell
Sacraments - Fr. Patrick McLaughlin
Obstacles - Fr. Carl Zoucha
Christian Life - Fr. Mike Grewe

Prayer Team

Tom Doll - Coord.
Francis Ramirez - Music
Ed Prost
Dean Marty Warwick
Tom Brown
Steve Waldron
Deacon Steve Grandinetti
Bill Hanson - Honorary Team Member

Kitchen Team

Steve Grady - Coord.
Paul Moore
Tim Rooney
Jim Dennis
Chris Jerram
Bernie Hoffman
Joel Hanson

Women's Team October 17-19, 2008

Back Table

Fr. Andrew Sohm - Spiritual Director
LaDonna France - Coord.
Peg Whitaker - Asst. Coord.
Mary Ann Gaddie - Asst. Coord.

Talk Team

Paula Prost - Ideal
Peg Whitaker - Laity
Sandy Luczynski - Piety
Mary Beth Burton - Study
Mary Ann Gaddie - Action
Brenda Benskin - Leaders
Jan Ekstrom - Environment
Kaye Bellino - Christian Community
LaDonna France - Group Reunion/Ultreya

Table Assts.

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Karen Hardy
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Kathleen Luther
Kathy Gaddie
Kathy Jackson

Priest Talks

Fr. Andrew Sohm - Grace
Fr. Norm Hunke - Faith
Fr. Damian - Sacraments
Fr. James Keiter - Obstacles
Fr. Andrew Sohm - Christian Life

Prayer Team

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Barb Eastlack
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Kitchen Team

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Marilyn Herbst
Helena Doll
Kari Hoegemeyer
Sheila Pugh
Dani Bristol
Darlene Trierweiler

Post CEC Committee

Carol Windler
Brenda Benskin

From the Post CEC Committee....

We had a great day and fun at the annual summer picnic at Pipal Park on June 14.

The mass and pancake breakfast at Cooper's Farm was well attended. A special thank you to Fr. Frank Dvorak and Deacon Rich Hopkins for being our mass celebrants...everyone enjoys starting the day with mass.

In lieu of the hayrack ride this October we are encouraging all CEC members especially those that have just sponsored people on the most recent weekends to invite, or drive, 4th day or friends to upcoming Ultreyas.

Upcoming Events:

November 2nd, 2008 Deacon's pot luck dinner at Mary Our Queen. Please bring a dish - desert will be provided.

Please mark this date on your calendar to come celebrate and acknowledge what a gift these people are to our community. We are truly blessed. We have four men affiliated with CEC that will be ordained on October 25th.

Questions concerning these events can be addressed to Brenda Benskin at brendablee2000@yahoo.com

DeColores!
Carol & Brenda

De Colores from the CEC G & G Praise Music Guys & Gals

We have been doing CEC music events almost from that day, a year ago, that we first thought it up. It is a hoot of fun and we learn some new songs or refresh some old ones each Saturday. A Barber Shop Conference room is so inviting and we R-2. Come Visit/Sing/Play/Plan/Laugh or just drink coffee and eat donut holes. Place: 7101 Mercy Road in the Mid-America-Plaza Bldg. on the East end LL. Grady's Hair Shop.

Phone on M-F, 397-5548 for INFO, because the Barber Shop is closed on Saturday for our good old-fashion gospel or all the way forward to recent contemporary church music. You bring it we can probably learn it and use it at a gig on the list. Com' on give it up, try us soon.

Bring your strings etceteras if you want. We need more young folks that can retrieve our dropped Guitar-Picks from the floor. LOL-Harhar.

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

Matthew 11:28

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

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From the President *(continued from Page 1)*

Tom made his weekend in Omaha in the 1967 with Fr Jack McCaslin and gave many talks in Omaha and Norfolk.

Tom died after many battles with cancer. He was born 9-30-38. Ordained 5-30-65. Deceased 5-27-08. He was buried 5-30-08 exactly 43 years from his Ordination date.

Even though Tom is no longer physically with us the lessons and wisdom that he shared with each of us on Monday night are still with us. We truly miss him and we all pray for him daily.

Mike Langenegger

Omaha Area Leadership Council

The Omaha Area Leadership Council meets monthly. Meetings are at Mary Our Queen from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. *All are welcome to attend.*

Future Meeting Dates:

September 21
October 12
November 9
December 14



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 , (side door)
3 rd Friday	8:00 p.m.	Mary Our Queen - Parish Center - 3535 S 119 th
3 rd Saturday	7:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann - Parish Center - 114 th and Fort - Pot Luck
4 th Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Sts. Peter & Paul - Church Cafeteria 5904 S 36 th 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, shared prayer and fellowship.

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OALC Meetings:

The Omaha Area Leadership Council meets monthly. You are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be March 9th, 2008.

Upcoming CEC Events

October 5 Men's Closing

October 19 Women's Closing

Mass times are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Archdiocese Retreat & Conference Center, 3330 North 60th Street, Building D.

November 2 Deacon's Pot Luck Dinner at Mary Our Queen

CEC Committee Chair

Mary Ann Gaddie

From the CEC Committee Chair....

October 3rd, 4th, and 5th are coming up quickly - in fact they are just around the corner. Have you signed up a candidate yet? There's still time, but you need to talk to God **now** about your candidate and then speak to your candidate about God and the weekend and all the Graces that are waiting to be claimed!

If you have already signed up your candidate, have you checked back to make sure they are CONFIRMED for the weekend? Remember that it's not enough to just send in the application. Nothing is "set" for the candidate until he/she sends in that confirmation. We're all busy people, so do your candidate the favor of getting that confirmation filled out and sent in to secure a spot for them on this upcoming weekend and also the women's weekend on October 17th, 18th and 19th.

Send and DO Palanca for your candidate and all the candidates on these weekends. Come to the closing whether or not you have sponsored a candidate, it is the BEST pick-me-up for your spiritual nourishment! Pray for the teams also, they work hard to ensure each candidate has a good experience on their weekend.

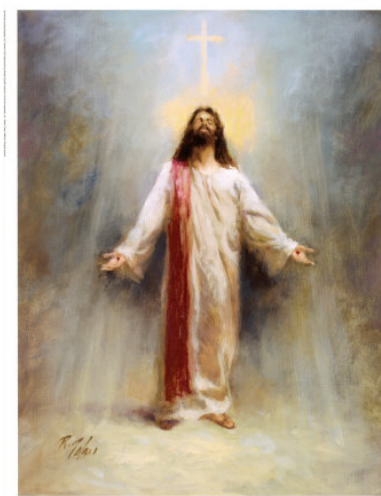
God calls on each of us through our Prayer, Study and Action to help win others for Him. With each of us doing our part in this plan, we will all surely one day enjoy eternal happiness in His arms.

DeColores!
Mary Ann

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

The Gift of Eternal Life



Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:2-3

If you have received the gift of eternal life by genuinely putting your trust in Jesus Christ, then you've experienced His grace and His peace. But don't stop there. Let...grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord

(from Just a Moment with You, God.....by Kay Arthur)

This newsletter is by and for the members of the Omaha Metro Area Christians Encounter Christ Movement. Its purpose is to keep members informed about CEC events.

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