



Christians Encounter Christ Omaha Metro Area Newsletter

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From the President

Mike Langenneger

Dear CEC Community:

Almost all of us in the CEC Community have access to E-mail either at home or at work. It seems as though many of the e-mails that come into our inbox gets deleted as they are deemed junk mail.

In my daily e-mail at home and at work I end up deleting this junk mail. However about 18 months ago I signed up for a daily meditation with the Henri Nouwen Society and in my inbox I now get a daily meditation. On Wednesdays a special bonus is added with a Weekly Reflection.

Recently this reflection came into my inbox and was written by Clara Frascchetti:

I recently spent a week in a small rural village called Segha, in Ghana, West Africa. My purpose was to establish a partnership with the local school where my organization, Intercordia Canada hopes to place student volunteers. One day I met with about 50 parents, some of who would be asked to host our students for three months during the summer. Mister Godwin, the head of the school, introduced me and asked me to say a few words about Intercordia. When I was done, Mister Godwin asked if any of the parents had questions. A small, older gentleman stood up, his back hunched, his skin wrinkled by the hot sun, and he asked in Dambe, "What are your first impressions of our community?" Mister Godwin translated as I described my time in Segha. I told him about my first morning and how the children had immediately taken my hand and led me through the village. As we passed people on the road, they recognized right away that I was new in town and most nodded or said "You are welcome!" Some enthusiastically took my face in their hands and said something in Dambe and then repeated "You are welcome!"

You are welcome!" I looked at the man standing there amongst the other parents and told him that if a stranger came to my neighborhood, with different colored skin, who dressed differently, no one would offer a greeting. In fact people might look at that person with suspicion and turn away.

The old man looked at me with concerned eyes and said, "But, that is no way to treat a stranger." I humbly agreed with him. Then he said with conviction, "Then you must send your students, so that we can help to develop your community."

I have reflected on this story for the past few months and I would hope that our community can be as inviting and welcoming as this community in a village called Segha in Ghana, West Africa.

Your brother-in-Christ,
Mike

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"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden in Christ with God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory."

Colossians 3:1-4

Fall Weekend Team Members

Men's Team April 4-6, 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:

Fall of 2008

Men October 3-6

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

Back Table

Fr. Carl Zoucha
Bob Gaddie, Jr. - Coord.
Rick Bellino - Asst. Coord.
Joe Campagna - Asst. Coord.

Talk Team

Ideal - Steve Grady
Laity - Leonard Eberie
Piety - Randy Viek
Study - Rob Keller
Action - John Cavanaugh
Leaders - Rick Bellino
Environments - Joe Campagna
Christian Community - Ken Hanson
Group Reunion/Ultreya - Bob Gaddie, Jr.

Table Assts.

Vern Packard
Hank Hardy
Dave Ciaccio
Jim Wingender
Dave Graef
Tim Heller

Women's Team April 18-20, 2008

Back Table

Rev. Frank Dvorak - Spiritual Director
Helen Andrews - Coord.
Kaye Bellino - Asst. Coord.
Mary Timmins - Asst. Coord.

Talk Team

Cheryl Probst - Ideal
Pam True - Laity
Mary Timmins - Piety
Gina Sullivan - Study
Kay Bellino - Action
Donna Schultz - Leaders
Carol Windler - Environments
Chris Powers - Christian Community
Helen Andrews - Group Reunion/Ultreya

Table Assts.

Mary Ann Gaddie
Jane Ulrich
Peggy Fischman
Bonnie Schumaker
Brenda Benskin
Mary Ann Mucia

Priest Talks

Grace - TBA
Faith - TBA
Sacraments - Fr. Damian Zuerlein
Obstacles - TBA
Christian Life - Fr. Carl Zoucha

Prayer Team

Jim Bitzes -Coord.
Bob Gaddie Sr. - Music
Joe Huetner
Tom Doll
Bill Hanson
Dave Clements
Lyle Simmons

Kitchen Team

Fuzz Graeve - Coord.
Tom Brown
Dave Eastlack
Tony Briganti
Pat Rupp
John Friday

Priest Talks

Fr. Larry Gillick - Grace
Fr. Andrew Sohm - Faith
TBA - Sacraments
TBA - Obstacles
Fr. Frank Dvorak - Christian Life

Prayer Team

Sandy Luczynski-Coord.
Pam Yosten (Palanca)
Pam Grosse (Palanca)
Kathy Hanson (Music)
Joannie Beck
Tricia Pilakowski
Mickey Kotlarz

Kitchen Team

LaDonna France - Coord.
Rita Wolfe
Carla Hanson
Mary Ann Kosmicki
Carm Briganti
Monica Wilms
Christina Heller

Post CEC Committee

*Carol Windler
Brenda Benskin*

From the Post CEC Committee....

May 3rd 2008 - Come join your CEC Community for Game Night Potluck. Bring your favorite dish and game! Enjoy some good food, laughter, and interaction. **Mark your calendar for this Upcoming Event.**

This is fun evening to spend with other members of our community.

July 19, 2008 - Pancake Breakfast

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

DeColores!

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. We have a lot of Ultreyas on our list, the Mass on the green at Coopers Inc, the Big CEC Christmas MOQ/StMM Party, and just recently the Fremont CEC-30-Year Reunion-Ultreya-Celebration. 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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If you do not have access to the
internet or have email access only,
please contact me for an electronic or
paper version of this Newsletter.

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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:

March 9	October 12
April 13	November 9
August 10	December 14
September 21	

ULTREYA CHANGES

Mary Our Queen - March 21 Ultreya cancelled as this is Good Friday.

ST. Elizabeth Ann Ultreya/Potluck - March 15th.

This will be at 6:30 immediately following the 5:30 Mass. Ultreya will start at about 7:15.

The April 19th Ultreya is canceled as representatives are working the women's weekend.



ULTREYAS

Date	Time	Church Location
1 ST Friday	7:30 p.m.	St. Margaret Mary - Suneg Center - 61 st & Dodge
2 nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's - Fremont
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
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.

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.

De Colores!

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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

May 3rd 7:00 pm Game Night & Potluck at Elizabeth Ann Seton
114th & Fort Streets 114th & Fort Street

July 19th Pancake Breakfast
(details to follow)

January 20, 2008

Most Rev. Archbishop Elden Francis Curtiss
100 North 62nd Street
Omaha, NE 68132



Your Excellency:

I am Steve McCarville, outgoing president of Christians Encounter Christ, the Cursillo expression in the Archdiocese of Omaha. One of my final duties is to report to you on the calendar year 2007 as it applies to CEC.

We had four men's and women's weekends in 2007 and welcomed over 80 new fourth dayers. We continued to enjoy the new and improved retreat facilities at the Archdiocesan Retreat and Conference Center on North 60th Street. We will continue to look for ways to use it effectively and efficiently. We will continue to work on improving communication with the staff of the facility. One of our most important accomplishments was to come up with a set of sample menus to make it easier for anyone to work on or lead the kitchen team as well as keep costs down so anyone can attend a weekend. Cost should not be a barrier for participation in a weekend.

We try to improve communication among our members with technology by using the CEC web site (<http://www.cecomaha.org/>), e-mails, and even putting the newsletter on-line at the CEC web site.

Our most important goal is to evangelize northeastern Nebraska. Some ways are easy to measure such as about 12 current deacons are CEC veterans and we have several more in the diaconate process both as deacon candidates and their spouses. The best ways we can help you and the Catholic Church in Nebraska is much harder to measure. We have a multitude of members who now serve on parish pastoral councils, Catholic school boards, as EMHCs or lectors, and as staff at Catholic parishes and schools as well as in our Protestant counterparts. Many are now becoming Third Order Franciscans, Benedictine Oblates, Knights of Columbus, joining the Archdiocesan Bible studies, as well as getting involved with their local parish activities. The most important ways we can foster change is to get people to attend mass and church services as well as Reconciliation. Fourth dayers are rediscovering the Bible, the rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours, and speaking and listening to God through daily prayer. We hardly ever hear a witness at a weekend where several candidates explain that they made their first confession in decades.

In the near future we have planned our local workshop at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church of Omaha on February 10 commencing at 1:15 p.m. We are also participating in a celebration with our counterparts in rural Nebraska and Norfolk at St. Patrick's Church in Fremont in late January.

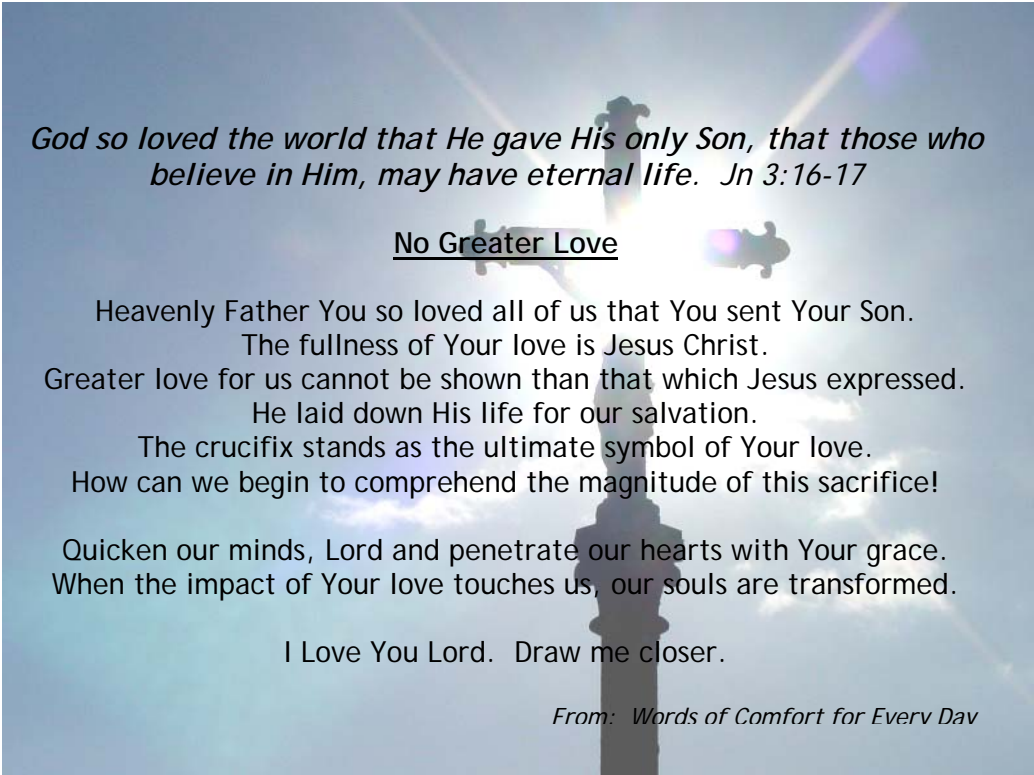
We hope to help with vocations through individual membership with the Serra Club, inviting seminarians, sisters, brothers, and priests to "make a weekend." We also continue to support our members as they discern their vocations and spiritual futures.

As you prepare for retirement, we would to thank you for your support and especially for being willing to give talks on a weekend. We hope you would even consider acting as a spiritual director on a CEC weekend in the future.

I hope our relationship with the archbishop can continue to grow with my replacement, incoming CEC President Michael Langenegger. We will work so that God may be glorified in all things!

Your Brother-in-Christ,

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God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that those who believe in Him, may have eternal life. Jn 3:16-17

No Greater Love

Heavenly Father You so loved all of us that You sent Your Son.
The fullness of Your love is Jesus Christ.
Greater love for us cannot be shown than that which Jesus expressed.
He laid down His life for our salvation.
The crucifix stands as the ultimate symbol of Your love.
How can we begin to comprehend the magnitude of this sacrifice!

Quicken our minds, Lord and penetrate our hearts with Your grace.
When the impact of Your love touches us, our souls are transformed.

I Love You Lord. Draw me closer.

From: Words of Comfort for Every Day