



# Christians Encounter Christ Omaha Metro Area Newsletter

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*“And do not be  
conformed to this world,  
but be transformed by  
the renewing of your  
mind, so that you may  
prove what the will of  
God is, that which is  
good and acceptable  
and perfect.”*

**Romans 12:2**

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## Welcome New 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers!!

### Men March 6-9, 2009

Brian Abbot  
Bob Bastarache  
Nick Beck  
Jeffrey Brown  
Anthony Buggi  
Curtis Edwards II  
Walter Getze  
Joe Grier  
Larry Janecek  
Marcus Knecht  
Ken Landolt  
Doug Lenz  
Brian Mundt  
Jim Nardini  
Steve Nelson  
Joe Niemeyer  
Patrick O'Donnell  
Donnie Price  
Harold Sawtelle  
Steve Schuler  
Chad Stalling  
Dennis Thompson  
Shannon Van Gerpen  
Tom Waring  
Greg Weiss  
Bill Wostoupal

### Women March 27-29, 2009

Mary Barrett  
Sanela Brkic  
Joanne Brown  
Debra Carnahan  
Laura Cole  
Marla Cone  
Debbie Currie  
Emily Edmunds  
Nancy Flearl  
Kerry Janecek  
Anika Landholm  
Ann Lenz  
Jamie Mundt  
Colleen Murnan  
Lorretta Murphy  
Cindy Nardini  
Lisa Nelson  
Holly Nice  
Suzanne O'Donnell  
Anne Price  
Patti Render  
Mary Jo Rome  
Jan Sawtelle  
Jackie Schuler  
Sarah Weiss



Upcoming CEC Events**2009 Fall Weekends**

Men October 2-4, 2009

Women October 16-18, 2009

**2010 Weekends**

Men April 23-25, 2010

Women April 30, May 1-2, 2010

Men October 8-10, 2010

Women October 15-17, 2010

**Location:**

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

**Fourth Day Mass:**

6:30 pm Sunday in the Archdiocese  
Retreat & Conference Center, 3330  
North 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Building D.

**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.**

**Omaha Area Leadership Council:**

April 19, 2009 from 7 – 9pm at Mary  
Our Queen

**Other Events:**

CEC Game Night & Pot Luck  
April 25, 2009 following evening  
mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Parish  
Center, 114<sup>th</sup> & Fort.

Pancake Breakfast May 30, 2009 at  
9:00 at Cooper Farm Picnic Pavilion  
(Cooper Farms is located at 8602  
Mormon Bridge Rd in Omaha.)

CEC Picnic June 13, 2009 at 12:00  
at Pipal Park, located between  
Hascall and Center Street on 72<sup>nd</sup> St.

## From the President

*Helen Andrews***Weekend Reflection**

I had the privilege of being on the women's team for the spring weekend. I told one of the women in my group, being asked to be on team is God's gift to me, what I do with this gift is my gift to God. To serve others is truly a gift I can give back to God for all I receive by being on the weekend. As a member of team I experienced so many Moments Closest, that I would not know where to start!

I was struck many times by the self giving of the team (I am sure the men can say the same). It was a blessing to see Jesus in my sisters. Throughout the talks and table discussions I was frequently overwhelmed by how much I wanted others to experience this community, not just the weekend experience, but, the "fourth day". I believe we, by our call to evangelize, really do change the environments we are in each day.

I often feel re-energized following a weekend, but, the same can be said after attending an Ultreya. The Ultreyas give us the same opportunity to rekindle the flame because we can share our piety, study and action and hear how others are succeeding with piety, study and action. Have you attended Ultreya lately? Please consider setting aside time and joining me at the next Ultreya. My plan is to attend each Ultreya in April and May. Hopefully I'll see you there.

I was overwhelmed and honored to stand in front of you at closing. I saw Jesus in each of you as you embraced Kaye and the candidates and team. I know, by your actions, each of you brings Jesus to your individual environments. I know the candidates felt your love and support through your palanca and serenade.

Closing reinvigorates all of us. Now that the spring weekends are over, we will start planning for the fall. Now is the time to pray about your family and friends and consider who you might ask to come to the weekend. Meanwhile, how are you bringing Jesus to your environments? God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called. What gifts has He given you to share?

Your sister in Christ,  
Helen Andrews

## CEC Committee Chair

*Mary Ann Gaddie*

No report.

DeColores!  
Mary Ann

## POST CEC Committee

*Carol Windler  
Brenda Benskin*

We want to say a special THANK YOU to all those who took part in the closing masses on the CEC weekends everyone is always so willing to help & say 'YES' from the priest, deacons, EMHC, lectures, to those who assist the priest at mass & those who collect the gifts.

We have several fun events coming up so we can get acquainted with those that just made the weekends (the new 4th day) and also for everyone who loves a good time. There will be a Game & Potluck night at St. Elizabeth Ann Parish Center 114th Fort St on April 25th following 5:30 mass for adults only. (Bring your favorite game)

Also a picnic will be held June 13th at Pital Park at 12:00. Chicken will be provided, please bring your favor picnic dish to share & whatever you like at picnics. A nice time to visit & play a few out door games, bring the kids.

Our pancake breakfast has been moved to the end of May on the 30th at Cooper Farm Picnic Pavilion. The morning starts with outdoor mass at 9:00 followed by breakfast. This is a family event.

Mark your calendars now to have fun & visit with all those special people in your life.

Questions concerning these events can be sent to [cwind01@aol.com](mailto:cwind01@aol.com).

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added to the prayer chain.  
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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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### **4<sup>th</sup> Day Community**

*There are many ways the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community can support the weekend.  
Not working the weekend, and want to help?*

*Are you asking yourself “What can I do?”*

*Here are some great ways you can be a part of the weekends:*

#### **PRAY**

*for team and candidates.*

#### **WRITE**

*palanca for team and candidates.*

#### **DONATE**

*food - monetary contributions are always welcomed.  
(contact kitchen & prayer team coordinators)*

#### **SUPPORT**

*the team and the NEW 4<sup>th</sup> DAY by attending the closings.*

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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 2009 Meeting Dates:

April 19	November 8
May 17	December 13
October 11	



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## ULTREYAS

Date	Time	Church Location	Representative
1 <sup>ST</sup> Friday	7:30 p.m.	St. Margaret Mary - Suneg Center - 61 <sup>st</sup> & Dodge	Dave & Mary Egan 491-3031
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	9:00 a.m.	St. Patrick's - Fremont (following 8:00 a.m. Mass)	Kathy Luther 721-9587
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	7:30 p.m.	St. Philip Neri - Basement - 8200 N 30 <sup>th</sup> , (side door)	Rick Bellino 558-1037
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	8:00 p.m.	Mary Our Queen - Parish Center - 3405 S 118 <sup>th</sup> St	Peg Whitaker 691-0488
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	7:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann - Parish Center - 114 <sup>th</sup> and Fort - Pot Luck	Brenda Benskin 706-7043
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Sts. Peter & Paul - Gym Lobby Doors 3623 X St	Nick Rasmussen 551-9008

*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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Pre CEC Chair

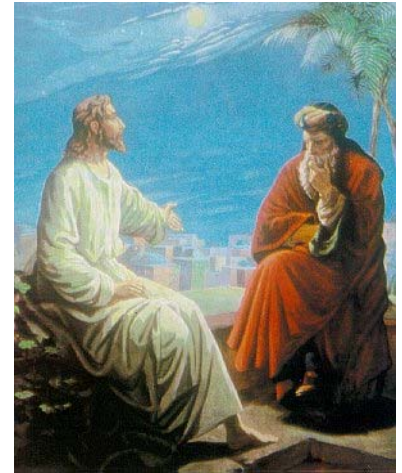
*Dave Eastlack*

When you choose to sponsor, you give people an opportunity to grow in their love for Christ and to rededicate themselves to His service. Consider the words printed on the cross you received on your weekend "Christ is counting on you."

In the Gospel of St. John, Philip said to Jesus, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'" (John 14: 8-9). And in another occasion, Jesus said to his disciples, "I give you a new commandment: love one another" (John 15: 17).

The candidates for the CEC Weekend we approach may ask us to show Jesus to them. What can we tell them? Jesus says He is in the Father and the Father is in Him. Is each one of us ready to say: "I am in Jesus and Jesus is in me" when people want to see Jesus? It is a real challenge to us!

There is no better preparation and attraction for the candidates than a personal and authentic witness of our Fourth Day, "See how they love one another." *Such preparation should be done by means of a sincere friendship established through personal contact.*



### Sponsor Responsibilities:

1. First and foremost... **Know Your Candidate Well and know if they will have time for Christ.** Speak to God about the candidate before speaking to the candidate about God.
2. They must NOT HAVE ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS, (mental, social, emotional, marital or a recent bereavement) which can be intensified by the weekend experience. **This requires you know a great deal about your candidate, which is the idea of "be a friend".** Remember, **THE WEEKEND IS NOT A CURE-ALL FOR YOUR CANDIDATE'S PROBLEMS.**
3. Tell your candidate enough about the weekend so that they will not have any anxious moments. The only "secrets" at this point are palanca and the closing. Other than that, you are encouraged to give your candidate a good idea of what they will be experiencing on the weekend so their anxiety is minimized. The best way to do that is to tell them of your experience of the weekend and let them know they will be in good hands and that they can relax. Beyond describing the weekend, let them know how CEC has changed your life and witness to them of your 4th Day journey. Bottom line ... your candidate needs to hear from you what the CEC means to you, not just your weekend experience but also the beauty of living it in your everyday life.
4. Provide transportation for your candidate. Be available to the candidates' family for any assistance they might need while the candidate is on the weekend. The candidate needs to be reassured that you will be helping and filling in where needed for them in their absence. This is a great form of palanca.
5. Be prepared to welcome your candidate back on Sunday and to actively support them as they get started on their 4th day walk. You need to actively encourage and help them get into a small group reunion and bring them to the first few Ultreyas following their weekend. If we just drop them after the weekend, we have done them and the community a real disservice. It's understood that this will take some dedication on your part, but the first few weeks and months following their weekend are so critical to helping the candidate become grounded in what it means to live the 4th Day and you are a critical link to seeing that they do successfully put into practice all that they learned and experienced on their weekend. It will be your encouragement, practical experience, and your wisdom of having lived the 4th Day that will maximize the chances your candidate will "stick with it" and become an active, evangelizing member of the CEC community. Bottom line ... be there for your candidate once the weekend's over!

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Some "housekeeping" reminders for closing; Please do **not** move furniture, this includes not going into the bedrooms to retrieve chairs. Please help by returning song sheets so we will have them for the next set of weekends. Please find a trash can for trash, do not leave water bottles or cans or food wrappers sitting about. The team is very tired after closing and does not need to pick up after the fourth day.

If you are coming for serenade and not Mass, please remain quiet while in the commons, so as not to disrupt Mass.

When in the cafeteria during serenade, please keep moving inward so everyone can get in the cafeteria, we all want to be a part of the serenade and see the candidates.

### Sponsor Responsibility

The spring weekends are over and now your candidate is wondering "what next?"

Have you spoken to them? How are they feeling? Do they have questions? You might want to call and see how they are doing.

As a sponsor we each have a responsibility to assist our candidate to find a group and to attend Ultreya. Remember the coordinator talk, after the Christian Community talk? On the weekend we send the team "two by two" as in Mk. 6:7, "send them out two by two". Jesus knew it was challenging to go into a new environment alone. Our candidates should expect us to accompany them to their first Ultreya at least. Attending Ultreya is also an opportunity to find a group.

The responsibility of a sponsor does not stop when you take your candidate home Sunday night, that should be just the beginning, after all, isn't this person your friend? Please take the time to call your friend and help your friend find a group and attend Ultreya.

Helen Andrews



*Easter Blessings*

The blessing of the Lord  
be upon you...

Psalms 129:8

**De Colores!**

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.