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Welcome New 4th Dayers!!

Men
October 12-14, 2007

Women
October 26-28, 2007

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*"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*

"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you."

1 Peter 5:6-7

CEC Christmas Party (Note location change - this year)

Due to Christmas being very close to MOQ Ultreya date, a location change has been made in order to allow MORE to attend. Brad Ryan of the St. Margaret Mary Ultreya has offered his December 07, 2007 FIRST-FRIDAY Ultreya for this year's Christmas CEC gathering. **All 4th Dayers are invited.** Please bring your spouse, friend, or significant other (guests need not have attended a CEC weekend).

Place: St. Margaret Mary
61st and Dodge/Suneg Center below the Church
Date: Dec. 7, 2007
Time: 7:30 - 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.)

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

2008 Weekend Dates:

Spring of 2008

Men April 4-6

Women April 18-20

Fall of 2008

Men October 3-5

Women October 17-19

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.

Upcoming CEC Events

CEC Ultreya Christmas Party

December 7, 2007 7:30 – 10 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary

CEC Workshop

February 10

St. Elizabeth Ann

Cursillo Anniversary

St. Patricks in Fremont

(see page 5 for more information)

From the Outgoing President

Steve McCarville

Dear CEC 4th Dayers:

This will be my last letter to the group as President of CEC-Omaha. I hope you will give your support and efforts to Mike Langenneger as he will have taken over the helm by the time you read this. I would like to challenge you to attend one ultreya between now and the next men's and women's weekends in April. I would also like to throw another challenge at you. If you have not joined a group please contact one of the CEC officers to find a group or, if you are a faithful "groupie", please invite back one of those members who attended for awhile and then faded away.

In my opinion, the CEC Weekend Experience is just a nice retreat if all you do is make the three day weekend. The thing that can make this a life changing experience is meeting on a regular basis with your brothers or sisters in Christ. I have been a member of three different groups. We shared good times and not so good times. We shared weddings, graduations and even ordinations. We shared the deaths of spouses, loss of jobs, financial hardships, illness, injuries, and dark nights of the soul. If you are fortunate, these people can join you as companions on your spiritual journey. **Ultreya!**

Your brother-in-Christ,
Steve

Thanksgiving Blessings

T Is for the Tons of Blessings that I receive each day.
H Stands for these Hands that fold, when I begin to pray.
A Means all the Awesome powers our Lord has from above.
N Stands for His Never ending patience and His Love.
K Is for the Kindness and forgiveness He has shown.
S Stands for the Sweetest gift of love we've ever known.
G Means the Amazing Grace that God bestowed on me.
I Says I can't imagine, without His love, just where I'd be.
V Is for "Victory in Jesus", just like that song of old.
I Means I'll do my best, to lead lost sheep into His fold.
N Is for the Nails driven through our Savior's hands.
G Stands for God's Greatest Gift, His Son's life for mortal man.

Vickie Lambdin

From the Incoming President

Mike Langenegger

To the CEC Community: DeColores!

As I look back over this past year as Vice-President of the Omaha Area Leadership Council (OALC) and as I prepare to assume the role as President of the OALC, I would like to thank the following people for stepping up and taking leadership roles in our community.

Fr. Damien Zuerlein, Spiritual Director What else can be said about Fr. Damien? He has guided our movement and has provided us with sound Spiritual Direction.

Steve McCarville, President Steve has shown me how an effective leader operates and has been open to suggestions on how to improve our Community.

Diane Burton, Secretary Diane has done a great job of keeping the minutes of our meetings and effectively communicating the minutes to the OALC members.

Bob Thomsen, Treasurer Bob has performed the duties of treasurer in a professional and diligent manner. He has kept the OALC members abreast of all of the financial obligations of the movement. In addition to his duties as treasurer Bob has also co-hosted the Mary Our Queen Ultreya.

Brenda Benskin and Carol Windler, Co-Chairs of the Post CEC Brenda and Carol have really organized and fine tuned the activities for the Fourth Day Community.

Lyle Simmons, Pre-CEC Chairman In addition to his duties as Pre-CEC chairman, Lyle has also co-hosted the Mary Our Queen Ultreya.

Jan Ekstrom, CEC Chairperson Jan has served in this role for 3 years. She has really worked very hard to keep future coordinators and assistant coordinators informed on where they stand with team qualifications. She has taken the initiative to meet with potential coordinators and assistant coordinators and offer mini-workshops when necessary. In her role as the CEC Chairperson, Jan has worked with the OALC members and really kept the movement on track by actively seeking to promote and recruit potential coordinators and assistants.

Art Beccard, Registrar Art has now been the registrar for a year and he has done an outstanding job in coordinating all of the candidate applications and interacting with sponsors and candidates. Art has also effectively communicated with the OALC board and with the community by providing frequent candidate updates.

Mary Ann Gaddie, Committed OALC member and Past President Mary Ann has taken on the role of the great communicator. She has acted as a liaison for the OALC and the retreat center. Mary Ann has kept the OALC informed of changes at the center and has set up future weekend dates for the community.

Rick France, Jeff Selzle, Carol Windler, Helen Andrews, and all who have worked on this project in the past, Members of the Talk Revision Committee This committee has been ongoing since 2002 and they are now in the process of completing the long overdue process of revising the "talk books" for the weekend. This will be a tremendous benefit to our community because these talks have now been converted to compact disks.

Sandy Luczynski, Newsletter Editor Sandy has really done a fine job as editor of the CEC Newsletter. She has endured many missed deadlines and has done a tremendous job of pulling together all of the information for the newsletter.

Vern Packard, Bob Gaddie Jr., Richard Gruit and his "Group Reunion" group, Brad and Mary Ryan and Ken and Kathy Hanson, Bob Thomsen, Lyle Simmons, Kathy Luther, Chris Powers and other guest hosts who have served as Ultreya Hosts. The above named have really served this community at the very grassroots level. They have truly given of their time and talents and treasures in this role and we, as a community, have been truly blessed.

To all the coordinators, assistant coordinators, and team members who worked the weekends in the spring and fall; your efforts have helped to keep our movement vibrant and growing.

Thank you!

Mike

Post CEC Committee

Carol Windler Brenda Benskin

From the Post CEC Committee....

Again, the post CEC committee was busy with the two closings at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in October. It is so wonderful to be able to celebrate mass before the closings. We thank Fr. Frank Baumert and Deacon Jim Chambers for being the celebrants at the men's 4th day closing mass and Fr. Frank Dvorak and Deacon Chuck Adams at the women's 4th day Mass. We also want to thank everyone that helps in any way with these 4th day closing Mass' as well as post CEC events. It is really appreciated and needed.

Following the women's weekend on November 4th we had our pot luck dinner at St James Parish Center honoring the Deacons and their wives who are part of the CEC Community. In attendance are those pictured below.



There were approximately thirty five people present. We all enjoyed visiting with one another and hearing from our Deacons and how CEC has touched their lives.

We also thank each and every one of them for being so active in their churches and communities; we are truly blessed.

DeColores!
Carol & Brenda

Christmas Novena

Novena Dates December 16 - December 24

Feast Day December 25

O Adorable Infant Jesus, my Savior and my God, Who are so good and Who hast loved me so much! In this night in which Thou bestowest great Graces on so many souls, grant Thy Heavenly consolation to this poor soul of mine also. I ask of Thee the Grace to love Thee always, from this day forward, with all my heart. Set me all on fire with Thy Holy Love. I love Thee, O my God, Who hast become a Babe for love of me. Never let me cease from loving Thee evermore. Dearest Jesus, our Lord and God, deign to grant me, during this joyful Season of Christmas (*mention your request*), if it be Your Holy Will. Amen. (*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.*)

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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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CEC Committee Chair

Jan Ekstrom

God is good....All the time...

With the calendar year quickly coming to an end, we can recall all the blessings God has given to us this year and opportunities for growth. Now is the time for thanking all those who contributed their time, talents and treasures to the CEC movement and community. Just look around and see CEC activities: weekends, Ultreya's, prayer chain, newsletters, social activities and friendship!

The CEC committee is working toward the spring 2008 weekends with coordinators, manuals and supplies. Check the weekend dates on the web site for upcoming dates and start planting those seeds for future candidates. The Omaha community is blessed with many who keep the fires burning and the glow of Christ's love alive!

DeColores,
Jan



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, a shared prayer and fellowship.

Cursillo Anniversary

2008 will be the 30th anniversary of the first Cursillo weekend held in Fremont. We want to identify people who made the weekend in 1978 or earlier to be a part of a celebration. We also wish to identify any parishioner who has ever coordinated a weekend. For more information call St. Patrick's parishioners Cheryl and Dave Probst, at 721-5663.

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OALC Meetings:

The Omaha Area Leadership

Council meets monthly. You are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be December 9, 2007 at Mary Our Queen (3535 S 119th Street) at 7:00pm.

2008 Meeting dates are:

January 13
February 10 (workshop @ SEA)
March 9
April 13
August 10
September 21
October 12
November 9
December 14