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Welcome New 4th Dayers!!

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Men

October 8-11, 2010

Tim Bloomingdale
Mark Borngrebe
Ed Carlin
Gene Cerny
Iggly Cervantes
Doug Dahl
Ben Dvorak
Tim Hacker
Terry Kempf
Randy Landenberger
Chris Markey
Gary Michels
Ryan Novacek
Sean Stevens
Jeff Stonacek
Keith Ullom

Women

October 15-17, 2010

Julie Bloomingdale
Chris Borngrebe
Marie Carlin
Adela Cervantes
Joan Coufal
Jean Dahl
Rachel Gifford
Kristine Hacker
Angie Kempf
Jennifer Novacek
Nicole Rapier
Shelly Stonacek
Brenda Wostoupal
Teresa Zamora

The Prayer of Thomas Merton

My God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always
though I may seem to be lost in the shadow of death.
I will not fear for you are ever with me
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

*"To fall in love with God is
the greatest of romances,
to seek Him the greatest
adventure, and to find Him
the greatest human
achievement."*

- St. Augustine

Upcoming CEC Events

2011

Spring Weekends

Men April 1-3

Women April 8-10

Fall Weekends

Men October 7-9

Women October 14-16

Location:

The Archdiocesan Retreat and
Conference Center (ARCC)
3330 N 60th St (Bldg D)

Fourth Day Mass:

6:30 pm Sunday in the Archdiocese
Retreat & Conference Center
3330 N 60th St (Bldg 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.



From the President

Chris Peters

Come Holy Spirit!

This Fall has been a whirl wind of activity and I must admit, that the early darkness is good for me; it forces me to slow down. However, it occurs to me, that with the early darkness, comes the holidays and all the preparations! Oh well...bring it on!

I am grateful for serving as president of OALC this year! I have learned a great deal and know the next year will be another year of learning. There are many individuals who volunteer hours and hours of their time to keep Christians Encounter Christ a vibrant movement!

To our committee chairs, Mary Ann Gaddie (CEC chair), Dave Eastlack (Pre CEC chair) and Kathy Jackson and Gina Sullivan (Post CEC), thank you for your hard work and dedication. To Helen Andrews and Tony Ulrich, thank you for being the supply people. Art and Cathy Beccard, the registrars, continue to do a marvelous job of processing all the applications for each weekend! Rick France and Bobbie Gaddie, for years, have kept the databases: a huge undertaking for sure! Thank you Mary Ann Kosmicki for being the treasurer, Barb Eastlack for being our secretary and to Al Peters a very supportive Vice President! I'd also like to thank Helen Andrews, again, for her guidance as former president and Sandy Luczynski for her work as the newsletter editor.

There are many others who attend the Omaha Area Leadership Council meetings and bring their love for the movement to each of the meetings. Your ideas and support are priceless!

I love the quote from Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, **"Together we can do something beautiful for God."** We each have been blessed with different gifts and talents and when we work together, the movement stays alive.

I'd like to invite everyone to the upcoming CEC Workshop that will be held SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH at MARY OUR QUEEN from 1:30-4:30. Please come and see what you can learn from others, and bring your questions and ideas!

May God bless each of you and I pray your holidays are opportunities to witness God's love through your families and friends.

DECOLORES!!!!

What a Difference CEC Makes!

When I made my weekend in the Spring of 2005, I was truly touched by the Holy Spirit, and my life changed dramatically. In August of 2008, I moved back to my childhood parish to be close to my parents. Little did I know how much my life would again change. This move and the needs of my parents, and some "laziness" on my part, drew me away from attending Ultreya's. Over a year ago, I found that grouping was becoming more difficult, because "life" was getting in the way, so I left my group.

Having worked five weekends I began to realize that the commitment of my Bible Study classes and working weekends was just too much. I was unable to give 100% to either, so I decided to complete the Study before committing to working future weekends. Well in May, I completed the four year course and was ready to resume CEC activities; however, that got off to a slow start. I longed to be part of a group again, and I and two others recently formed a new group. (Thank you, Randy.) I was now ready and wanting to work a weekend but I knew that I had marked "no" on sign in sheets from when I was attending Ultreyas. I was sure I would not be asked, and knew that I would need to start attending Ultreyas and change that "no" to a "yes".

To my surprise, I received a phone call; I was asked to work the weekend on the Prayer Team. I was thrilled; this was perfect! God answered my call, and now I would answer His....with an immediate "yes!". The sister-hood and love during team meetings was overwhelming, and I realized just how much I missed and needed this community to be "active" in my life again.

There were numerous "God moments" during the weekend; it was evident as team and candidates gathered that the Holy Spirit was in our midst, taking care of our needs. Candidates arrived into an atmosphere of love and joy. Introduction pairing was "Spirit directed" as were many activities throughout the weekend. The "Holy Spirit" was very active, placing "earthly" guardian angels where needed. It was evident during the weekend and at closing, that there was no shortage of the Holy Spirit alive in each and every individual.

Lately, I had noticed that something had been missing from my life, something that left a little emptiness inside. I found that "something" through working this weekend. Listening to Helen's talk; witnessing her love for God and all of us, touched my heart so deeply. God's love poured out through Helen's tears - I saw God in those tears and it left me remembering and feeling the love, joy and enthusiasm of this community. Helen's witness about grouping and Ultreyas reminded me of the importance and need of this spiritual support for my own growth in my relationship with our Lord. I realized how much I wanted and needed this back in my life.

The outpouring of love from the community at closing and from my Sisters-in-Christ on the weekend was, in itself, a tremendous "God moment" for me. I left the weekend with the desire and the will to make Ultreyas and Grouping an important part of my life. Because of your love and the "Shove of the Dove" I will be seeing you at Ultreyas. I pray that you will join me.

***"For where two or three have gathered together in My name,
I am there in their midst."*** ***Matthew 18:20***

DeColores!
Sandy Luczynski
CEC Newsletter Editor



Post CEC Committee

*Gina Sullivan
Kathy Jackson*

Welcome to all the new 4th Day! Your witnesses filled my cup and I'd like to say thank you! And thank you to ALL who came to support the "newbies"! Special thanks to all of our musicians for the great uplifting music...our lectors, EMHCs, and gift bearers. And a BIG thank you to our priests, Fr. Norm Hunke and Fr. Damian Zuerlein...and our Deacons, Terry Ficenech and Jim Tardy!! Thanks to all who helped put things away also!

Our night out at Culvers turned out to be a great time for all and we made a little money at the same time. We will continue to do these and hope to see you there. Thanks to all who were able to join us!

We are beginning to plan a Deacon Appreciation Night (pot luck), so pay attention to upcoming e-mails. If you know anyone who is not on Bob Gaddie Sr. E-mail list, help to spread the word. This is a great community...keep involved! CEC is NOT just a neat weekend...it's an adventure!!

De Colores and May God Bless You ...real good!

CEC Committee Chair

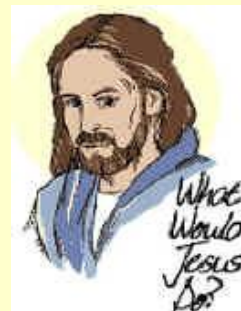
Mary Ann Gaddie

No Report.

PRE CEC CHAIR

Dave Eastlack

No report.



Lord, throughout this day,
As I try to follow You,
Let this be my rule to live by:

What would Jesus Do?

When a friend or loved one
Asks me for a moment or two,
May I think of one thing only:

What Would Jesus Do?

In all my dealings, help me
To be honest, fair and true,
To measure each decision by:

What Would Jesus Do?

When I'm feeling troubled
And I turn in prayer to You,
Give me wisdom to decide:

What Would Jesus Do?

And let me promise each new day
To live my whole life through,
In love and peace, remembering"

What Would Jesus Do?

Then when the day is ended,
May I resolve anew
To guide tomorrow by the motto:

What Would Jesus Do?

God Can Handle It Day By Day

Breaking News.....

November Ultreya Change

Saints Peter and Paul Ultreya Moved

Due to Thanksgiving the Ultreya has been moved from the 4th Thursday of the month to the 3rd Thursday, November 18.

December Ultreya Change

Saint Margaret Mary's December 3rd (Friday) Ultreya canceled and moved to Mary Our Queen for **Christmas Party** at 7:00 pm

Saint Patrick's in Fremont - cancelled due to Parish Bazaar

Saints Peter & Paul - cancelled



Results of the Elected Omaha Area Leadership Council Elections

Vice-President	Kaye Bellino
Secretary	Barb Eastlack
Treasurer	Kathleen Luther

(Term begins December 1, 2010)

Newsletter Update

The OALC discussed and agreed that the CEC Newsletter would be published two times per year following the spring and fall weekends.

This & That, & Then Some . . .

Become Involved in your OALC

OALC Committees could use your help. Wanted: Interested 4th Dayers who would like to help with events throughout the year. Planners, worker bees or clean up folks should call Al Peters at 917-5357.

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring your Friend to Christ

Does your Parish have a CEC Representative? Would you like to be that person? If so, contact Dave Eastlack at 932-5112.

Ultreya

The 4th Day would love to hear from you. Your witness keeps our fire burning. If you have a witness to share, contact any Ultreya representative. They will be happy to hear from you.

CEC G & G Praise Music

G&G MUSIC JAM

No Report



*From the book **Inflamed By Love***

Author: Jean Fox

To live by faith, we must pray for eyes that see and ears that hear invisible things - things that are hidden from our humanity. The spirit of God is upon you, penetrating every part of your being. He is showing you how to see through his eyes, hear through his ears, live through his heart. (Page 62)

We have eyes to see. Let's look! We have ears to hear. Let's listen! Every day, whether things seem good or bad, let's each ask ourselves, "What is God saying to me now?" (Page 63)

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR MUSIC COPYRIGHTS

You may have heard at the last Closings that we have recently become aware of costs associated with copyrights on a couple of the songs we sing at our Closings. Those ANNUAL expenses come to about \$600.00. If anyone would like to sponsor that expense, whether it be one person, a group, or even a corporation, the donation would be GREATLY APPRECIATED and tax deductible.

If you are interested in donating to this cause, please contact Al Peters at 334-8353 or alpeters@cox.net.

Thank you for your generosity and DE COLORES!

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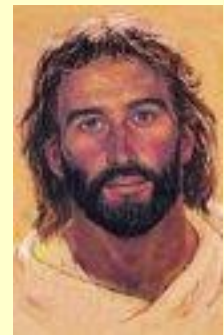
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the pray chain.
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Group Reunion

Contact Randy Veik if seeking
to join a group
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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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Newsletters are published in the Spring and Fall following the weekends. If you do not have access to the internet or have email access only, please contact me at for an electronic or paper version of the Newsletter.

Omaha Area Leadership Council

The Omaha Area Leadership Council meets monthly. Meetings are held at Mary Our Queen from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. **All are welcome to attend. Come join us - learn what Leadership is up to.**

2010 Remaining Meeting Dates:

November 14
December 12

2011 Meeting Dates:

January 9
February 13 following the Workshop at MOQ
March 13
April 17
May 15

June & July no meeting
August 14
September 11
October 23
November 13



Ultreyas

Date & Time	Location	Representatives	
1 st Friday 7:30pm	St. Margaret Mary Suneg Center - 61 st & Dodge	Kathy Rosenberg 333-9583 Cindy Ourada 505-3738	Krosenbe12@yahoo.com cljnjcjm@hotmail.com
1 st Saturday 9:00pm	St. Patrick's - Fremont (following 8:00 am Mass)	Mary Flies 721-8996 Kathy Luther 721-9587	Mflies402@msn.com
2 nd Friday 7:30pm	St. Philip Neri Basement 8200 N 30 th (side door)	Rick & LaDonna France	RFrance@cox.net
3 rd Friday 8:00pm	Mary Our Queen Parish Center 3405 S 118 th St	Peg Whitaker 691-0488 Judy Killion 493-4047	New (Barb's group)
3 rd Saturday 7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Ann (Pot Luck) Parish Center - 114 th & Fort	Brenda Benskin 686-3775 (wait for voice mail)	Brendablee2000@yahoo.com
4 th Thursday 7:30pm	Sts. Peter & Paul Gym Lobby Doors 3623 X St	Michael Willey 551-9400 Mike Laughlin 558-7524 Paul Moore 556-5635 Bill Parr 558-3003 Tim Roonev 556-9381	mwilley@creighton.edu ml@bankofnebraska.com gkpjmoore@gmail.com wjparr@cox.net teroon2@cox.net

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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Ultreyas and Group Reunions

Ultimately it is the sponsor's responsibility to assist their candidate in finding or starting a Group Reunion and attending Ultreyas.

(Gleamed from Sponsor Responsibilities from the CEC Website:

I am willing to keep in close contact with my candidate(s) after the weekend: Invite them to an Ultreya at least 3 times; help them get started in a Group Reunion; and check just to see how things are going in their life.)

With that being said, occasionally individuals may need additional assistance finding a "Group", or "new Group".

If you are looking for a Small Group or if you have room for another person (or two) in your group, please contact Randy Veik at rveik@cox.net.

Check out the CEC website for additional information.
<http://www.cecomaha.org>

4th Day Community

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 4th DAY by attending the closings.

