



Christians Encounter Christ Omaha Metro Area Newsletter

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From the President

Steve McCarville

Dear CEC Community:

This will be one of my last letters to you as president of CEC-Omaha as Mike Langenegger will take over in a few months. The biggest goal of my tenure was to continue the transition of CEC into the new facilities at the ARCC. We continue to try to find ways to keep the costs down and continue trying to allow candidates to attend one of our weekends for \$65. One of the expenses we can control is the cost of feeding the candidates and team members on a weekend. We are putting together a committee of former kitchen coordinators to come up with a standardized weekend menu. This menu will allow future kitchen teams several meal choices for each meal, as well as, allow some freedom with the Saturday night meal. Also it will allow an easy-to-fix and clean up meal on Sunday night so the kitchen team will be allowed to leave at a decent hour.

A benefit of this "cookbook" will be to make it easier to recruit kitchen coordinators and workers. They will still have a celebratory meal but the breakfasts and lunches will be less stressful.

As we talk of these things I remember attending a Jesuit retreat at Demontreville (N. St. Paul, MN) with Mike and finding out they repeat their weekend meals constantly because the retreatants are only on the retreat once a year. (*What is the big deal?*) I am also reminded of St. Benedict's Rule where he advises the monks to have a couple of meal choices for the monks, but to keep everything simple because the idea is **to be fed but not overfed**. God's army may travel on its stomach but too much of a good thing is too much.

We have weekends to help bring our brothers and sisters closer to Christ and that is the main goal. Remember what it says on the back of your cross: "Christ is Counting on You."

Your brother-in-Christ,
Steve

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"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

Fall Weekend Team Members

Men's Team October 12-14, 2007

Back Table

Fr. Andrew Sohm
Ray Beck - Coordinator
Gene Mausbach - Asst. Coord.
Mark Yosten - Asst. Coord.

Talk Team

Ideal - Ken True
Laity - Al Peters
Piety - Gene Mausbach
Study - Fred Otte
Action - Tim Slattery
Leaders - Jay Krawczyk
Environments - Larry Schumacher
Christian Community - Mark Yosten
Group Reunion/Ultreya - Ray Beck

Table Assts.

Grant Wilims
Mike Langenegger
Dave Fishman
Art Beccard
Ted Wuebben
Mike Laughlin

Priest Talks

Grace - Fr. Anthony Nkyi
Faith - Fr. Bob Smith
Sacraments - Fr. Damian Cook
Obstacles - Fr. Bill O'Leary
Christian Life - Fr. Andrew Sohm

Prayer Team

Bob Thomsen -Coord.
Jeff Riviera-Music
Ed Prost
Jerry Tworek
Fred Bierma
Mark Zimmer
Dan Jackson
Mike Koley

Kitchen Team

Nick Rassmussen - Coord.
Dave Egan
Tom Strudl
Jeff Westerfield
Matt Hilding
Brad Clements
Jeff Lane
Mark Rigatuso

Men's Fall Weekend
October 12-14, 2007

Women's Fall Weekend
October 26-28, 2007

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 Weekends:

Spring of 2008

Men April 4-6
Women April 18-20

Fall of 2008

Men October 3-5
Women October 17-19

Women's Team October 26-28, 2007

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Fr. James Keiter-S.D.
Paula Prost - Coordinator
Mary Ann Gaddie - Asst. Coord.
Peg Whitaker - Asst. Coord.

Talk Team

Ideal - Chris Peters
Laity - Yvonne Aulner
Piety - Judy Killion
Study - Kathy Gaddie
Action - Sheila Pugh
Leaders - Peg Whitaker
Environments - Deb Fortina
Christian Community - Mary Ann Gaddie
Group Reunion/Ultreya - Paula Prost

Table Assts.

Shirley Graeve
Kathy Campagna
Peggy Fischman
Barb Eastlack
Leona Borkowski
Cheryl Dorman

Priest Talks

Grace - Fr. James Keiter
Faith - Fr. Andrew Sohm
Sacraments - Fr. Frank Dvorak
Obstacles - Fr. Damian Cook
Christian Life - Fr. James Keiter

Prayer Team

Mary Gruit-Coord.
Sybil Haller-Music
Karen Hardy
Naomi Sucha
Maura Kellar
Linda Maifski
Helena Doll

Kitchen Team

Diane Burton - Coord.
Denise Bierma
Cindy Rupp
Teri Mulchay
Connie De Weese
Kathy Jackson

Post CEC Committee

Carol Windler
Brenda Benskin

From the Post CEC Committee....

Again we had a great time at our June 1st picnic at Pipal Park and also the pancake breakfast on July 21st at Cooper's Farm. Fr. Damian celebrated mass on a beautiful, bright and sun shining morning then we enjoyed the pancakes (*made by several of our CEC gentlemen*), sausages, fruit and juices. Those who are not taking advantage of these events are really missing out, especially on getting to know your fellow Cursillistas - come and join us!!

Mark your calendar for this Upcoming Event

November 4th 2007- Come join us for the Deacon's Pot luck dinner on Sunday, November 4th at 6:30 at St James Parish Center honoring all Deacons and their wives who are part of the CEC Community. Please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable or main dish to share. A dessert is not needed as one will be provided. Please RSVP by Oct. 28th to Carol Windler at 402-334-5896 or Brenda Benskin at 402-706-7043 or email Carol at cwind01@aol.com. *This is really a wonderful evening to celebrate and recognize how valuable the Deacons and wives are to our community.*

DeColores!
Carol & Brenda

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

Matthew 11:28

736 The Holy Spirit - God's Gift *From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." "We live by the Spirit"; that we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit."



Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory.

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CEC Committee Chair

Jan Ekstrom

Harvest Time.....

With fall comes harvest time. A time to harvest the work of the season and bring in the crops. So it is with Christians Encounter Christ. The fall weekends are opportunities for us to harvest the seeds we have planted along the way and sponsor qualified individuals who are walking the path to Jesus Christ.

The CEC committee works with and supports the teams as they prepare for the weekends and provide supplies and materials as needed. Now is the opportunity for all of us to support the team and candidates by attending the Closing and be an active member of the community. Check the back of your CEC Cross.... Christ is Counting on You!

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, 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 October 21, 2007 at Mary Our Queen (3535 S 119th Street) at 7:00pm.

Future Meeting dates are:

November 11, 2007
December 9, 2007

Upcoming CEC Events

November 4th 2007

Deacon's Pot luck dinner, 6:30
Sunday at St. James Parish Center

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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