

Secretariat Meeting

The Secretariat's meetings usually are held the first Monday of the month at the Ursuline Center at 7 p.m. No meetings are scheduled during the holidays. Those listed below make up voting members of the Secretariat, although any member of the community is welcome to participate in meetings.

Secretariat Members

President	Bob Meyers (09)	453-5304
Vice President	Pete Woelkers (07)	965-3557
Secretary	Carmen Thorsen (08)	761-1805
Treasurer	Charlie Schermele	771-7263
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	Jerry Cooper (09)	761-2171
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	Monica Gondiero (08)	453-4819
	Don Miller (07)	788-7224
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Rectora	Parker Sullivan	452-5929

Secretariat Responsibilities

- To ensure smooth functioning of all Cum Christo activities (Weekends, Ultreya, Leadership School, etc.) in concert with the wishes of the Diocese Bishop.
- Setting dates for upcoming Cum Christos, selection of Rector/Rectora and approval of team members.
- Provide the basis for movement and direction and handle financial obligations.
- Approve, disapprove or suggest changes in policies already in place for the Cum Christo movement.

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2007 Summer Newsletter

Summer Picnic Brings Family Fun

By Bob Meyers
President, Great Falls Vicariate, Big Sky Cum Christo

Our Great Falls Big Sky Cum Christo movement invites each of you and your family to our 5th annual summer picnic on Tuesday, July 17, at the Black Eagle Community Park (note the new location). The picnic will begin around 6:30 p.m. and continue until around 8 p.m. All musicians, please bring your instruments! The social activities and music will continue until around night fall. We will provide hamburgers, polish sausage and hotdogs as well as chips and condiments. We are asking each family attending to bring a side dish (salad or dessert) and to bring your own favorite refreshments to drink. Do not feel obligated to bring a side dish; all of you are still welcome if you can't bring a side dish.

Children are welcome, there is a nice park with plenty of opportunities for fun and games. There also are horse shoe pits and volleyball courts for all of the young at heart. Come join us for a great evening under our awesome Big Sky. Come renew old acquaintances!

Please RSVP by July 10 so we can get an idea on how much food to purchase. RSVP by calling Bob Meyers at 453-5304 and leave a message.

Also, please note that we've changed Ultreya to 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Ursuline Center.



Christ is Counting on You

De Colores 4th Dayers!!

By Chuck Schermele
Treasurer, Big Sky Cum Christo

Spring is upon us, summer is knocking on the door, and day dreams of that much deserved upcoming vacation are bringing smiles to many. The spring set of weekends went off without a hitch thanks to the prayers and efforts of all that contributed. By the grace of God, our Cum Christo community continues to grow. This growth has made it challenging as of late to actively reach out to ALL our brothers and sisters on a personal level and invite their participation in recruiting candidates, grouping, and attending Ultreyas. Therefore; your support is prayerfully requested to support this effort. Be a friend, make a friend, and bring a friend to Christ.

In regards to the financial status of our movement, our growth has made it more costly to fund such things as Palanca mailings, newsletters, the annual picnic invitations, etc. Small numbers during the past weekends coupled with these mailings and a general increase in the cost of putting on weekends has lead to a decline in our overall financial status. An envelope is included with this letter for all of us who are willing to continue to financially support our movement. **Please seriously consider making a much-needed donation to our cause.** A little bit from a lot of good folks would go a long way. A special thanks to Harry Tholen and the Ursuline for continuing to extend us a "special" rate for our Tuesday meetings and for continuing to be so hospitable. Also, a special thanks to Carmen Thorsen and Jean Tonkovitch from St. Joes for their continued support in hosting the weekend activities.

One final note: through the rigors of raising children, meeting growing job demands, trying to get some special time with that special someone, time and money can start getting pretty thin and we can find ourselves struggling just to keep up. As we continue to reevaluate where we can make a difference, let us pray that we not lose sight of one gift that we still have - in Tom Millers words "The greatest gift we could give someone—come join us and experience a Cum Christo Weekend."

"May you approach each day with a decided heart and live always in faith."



Sponsor Responsibilities

By Kevin O'Connell

With Cum Christo weekends scheduled in October and November, this is a good time to revisit our duties as a sponsor. As a sponsor, we must remember our asking someone to make a Cum Christo weekend may be the one most significant event in that person's life. First item is a complete application with as much information about the candidate and your relationship as possible. These applications are available at the Ursuline Center or call any Secretariat member. You are required to attend Ultreya for at least six weeks before the weekends, and you and your new fourth-dayer for a minimum of six months after the weekend. Of course, the longer you take an interest in the spiritual welfare of your candidate, the longer they will stay around. Helping your candidate find a small group after their weekend is also one of the sponsor's responsibilities. I do not think any of us will forget how afraid we were the first night of our weekend, so bring your candidate to St. Joseph's. Stay with them for a while and introduce them to the team and others. Palanca (lever) is one of the most important parts of our job. Talk to family, friends and anyone else known by the candidate that will write a piece of palanca. Jesus opened many closed hearts in the form of someone's letter. I know mine sure was. Attend Holy Hour, Mananitas and most importantly the Holy Mass. Your presence at the closing may be the highlight of the weekend for that candidate. Pray often before, during and after the weekend.

I will serve the Lord O God

I believe you are here. I adore you and love you with my whole heart and soul because you are most worthy of all my love. I desire to love you as the blessed Heaven do.

Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate my whole being utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of yours.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in their soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only JESUS!

Just as the fruit of silence is prayer, and the fruit of prayer is faith, so too is the fruit of faith love, and the fruit of love service. Finally, the fruit of service is PEACE. AMEN!

- Frank Schoenen, Servant of the Lord, 1938-2006



Welcome, New 4th Dayers

The Big Sky Cum Christo family welcomes the following candidates to our spiritual community.

Men • March 22-25, 2007

Dan Anderson	Logan Good	Ryan Mindt
Paul Boland	Ray Gregori	Dan Murphy
David Boice	Ken Lewis	Roger Robbins
Billy Brennan	George Levandoski	Aaron Skrok
Joseph Devera	Joe Manhart	

Women • March 29-April 1, 2007

Stephanie Boice	Janet Gregori	Pam Oleson
Young Boland	Kathy Harrington	Janice Ruf
Jayne Brennan	Marie Konesky	Leanne Skrok
Mary Sue Davis	Lori Mindt	Mary Lee Van Voast
Tammy Good	Alena Nardinger	

Fall Weekend Dates, 2007

By Bob Meyers

The Great Falls Big Sky Cum Christo fall weekend dates are: men, Oct. 25-28; women, Nov. 1-4. Both sets of weekends will take place at St Joseph's Parish Centre. The men's back table includes Charlie Schermele (rector), Jerry Pierce (vice rector) and Ben Seitz (asst vice rector). The women's back table includes Parker Sullivan (rectora), Dawn Clutter-Collins (vice rectora) and Leslie Green (asst vice rectora). Please pray for all the members and teams.

You can pick up a candidate or team member application at the Tuesday night Ultreyas. Getting involved on a team is a great opportunity to renew your commitment to Christ and to our movement. Remember your promise when you received your cross at Closing Mass: "Christ is Counting on You." To ensure successful weekends, we need adequate preparation for team members and sponsors. Team meetings will begin in September.

Please begin praying now for the candidate you are considering to sponsor. You can also get applications from our website: bigskycumchristo.org/. We appreciate your prompt submission of candidate applications by September 10. If Cum Christo has had a positive impact on your life and journey, please consider giving this gift to a family member or friend so he or she can strengthen their Christian journey.

