

## What is Cum Christo?

A Cum Christo weekend provides baptized Christians with an opportunity to set aside their worldly activities and focus on their relationship with God and His church. This special weekend begins on Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. By unique design, women and men attend separate weekends, allowing a brotherhood and a sisterhood to form. The weekend allows its attendees to learn about their own spirituality through a series of fourteen short talks. Between these talks, prayer, meditation, and discussion, the Cum Christo weekend offers an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus Christ and walk as His disciples. Meditations and talks are presented by lay people and the clergy of our faith. The goal of the Cum Christo weekend is that Christ be the primary influence in our lives and thus our society. The Cum Christo gives those who attend a living understanding of basic Christian truths and the desire to serve Christ and His church. A proven method of living your most authentic Christian life is taught through the Cum Christo. This weekend is much more than a retreat...it is an encounter with Christ!



**"It showed me how much God Loved me!"**

Mary Ellen Billings

**"The Cum Christo Weekend totally changed my life. It was like three days in Heaven, with Jesus."**

Shelly, Billings

**"It has brought our marriage closer. We have a lot more of God in our life that we share. We spend a lot more time in prayer, together."**

Dan, Red Lodge

**"The Cum Christo weekend surrounded me in love and acceptance from other women of faith."**

Deanna, Billings

**"I learned that God loves me. He always has and He always will and there is nothing I can do to change that."**

Judy, Billings

**"It brought me a broader understanding of God's influence in my life."**

Nina, Red Lodge

**"I cannot imagine what our life would be like if we had made the Cum Christo Weekend!"**

Susan, Billings

**"It made me a better wife, mother and friend."**

Cami, Billings

# Cum Christo Weekend



**Three days of Christian fellowship, learning more about God's grace and love and discovering practical ways to live and grow as a disciple of Jesus.**



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## The Cum Christo Format

The Cum Christo begins on Thursday evening with a brief social then an opportunity for self-reflection. Friday through Sunday you will be immersed in a series of fourteen talks and group activities that allow you the opportunity to reflect, grow and share, if desired. Holy Mass will be celebrated several times throughout the weekend. The weekend is designed so you will want or need for nothing. This allows your sole focus to be on God. Some talks are given by lay people and others by clergy. All meals and snacks will be provided.

The Cum Christo concludes with Mass on Sunday afternoon. Your family, friends and your sponsors are all encouraged to attend.

Everybody gets something different out of a Cum Christo weekend and for some, the experience is hard to even put into words. Come with an open mind and a receiving heart and God will do the rest!

*"When Jesus and His message reach the hearts and minds of people, they can be changed forever. This is true evangelization, and any movement that accomplishes that has my blessing. It is clear to me that the positive effects of the Cum Christo in this Diocese are invaluable in fulfilling the pastoral plan to evangelize."*

**Bishop Michael W. Warfel, 2009  
Diocese of Great Falls-Billings**



## What to Bring?

- An open mind and receiving heart
- A spirit of participation
- Comfortable clothing including pajamas and a jacket
- Medications
- Pillow and sleeping bag
- Cell phone and electronics are not needed
- Toiletries

## What Happens When its over?

All the tools you have learned at your weekend don't end when you walk out the door. The journey is extended with small groups and Ultreya, a weekly large setting meeting. Grouping in a small setting ensures accountability through friendship. Ultreya is a weekly meeting with others who have made a Cum Christo. Ultreya includes powerful witness talks and Leaders School, combined with music and sharing.

*Make a Friend  
Be a Friend  
Bring that Friend to Christ*