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TEAMS OF OUR LADY

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Upcoming

EVENTS

Portland OR Sector A Retreat

Our Lady of Peace Retreat House
Beaverton
March 10-12, 2017

Coeur d'Alene, ID Retreat

9 am to 7 pm, March 11, 2017

Sector Couple Training

Fredericksburg, Texas
August 4-6, 2017

International Gathering

Fatima July 16-21, 2018

MEETINGS

Informational Meeting

Holy Apostle Parish, Meridian, ID
Feb 25, 2017, following 11 am mass

Portland OR Sector B Meetings

Sunday, March 23 1 to 4 pm
Sunday, June 4 1 to 4 pm
Sunday, Sept 17 1 to 4 pm

*~ Reflections ~
Fr Dick Rossman*

My Spouse has Truth for Me



One of the things that I see over and over again within the Church and also within business and in Government is the unwillingness of priests and others to tell their best truth to the leader who is trying to make a decision. I suppose it is the wish to make the decision-making easy for the boss that causes us to change our response to what we think they want to hear.

As you know we have as one of our endeavors something we call a Sit Down. This experience seems to cause most couples some difficulty in that it seems to happen only once in a while or when gathering as a group and everyone is being asked to participate. Fr. Richard Rohr says that we experience truth, reality mostly at two times: One is when suffering happens to us and we are forced to face things without any sugar coating; the other is when we experience an extended period of awe and this is much more acceptable to us but our awe experiences may not be taking place that often.

I believe that in Teams we have also the Sit Down where there is the safety of having our spouse speaking to us in the reverence of prayer where they attempt to verbalize what they think we need to hear from them and from God. Most of us would say that we are listening to scripture each day and God is talking to us there but if you are like me it is easy to manipulate even God's words so that I'm unable to hear completely what God would want to have me hear. With a spouse they often have the ability to cut through the barriers we set up by giving us examples that are able to convince us and push us into greater light. "Lord, give me the grace to hear what my spouse is saying to me".

Portland NW Regional Chaplain
Fr Dick Rossman

What is an International Gathering?

Sharla and I thought it might be wonderful to share our two previous experiences of going to an International Gathering. So what is an International Gathering? The IG is an opportunity for Teams couples throughout the world to come together in one location. This only happens every six years, so if you have the opportunity, you should make every effort to go on one.

Previous locations have been Lourdes France, Santiago de Compostela Spain, Rome Italy, Fatima Portugal, and Brasilia Brazil. This is definitely a religious pilgrimage, custom made for the Teams Movement. The theme of the movement is chosen three years in advance of the International Gathering and the entire world uses a study topic, written and chosen by the ERI (Équipes Responsable Internationale, the leading team for the entire world), so that all who belong to the Movement can be praying and studying in unison for the success of the coming gathering.

Sharla and I made our first IG in 2006, when it was in Lourdes, France. It is a place I had wanted to go since early childhood, as I had developed a devotion to St. Bernadette of Lourdes. This was an exciting time for Sharla and me. We asked our Team Spiritual Counselor (Fr. Dick Rossman), Fr. Francis Chun and our team members if they would like to go. Fr. Chun and Fr. Rossman said “Yes”! Dave and Theresa Schierman, members of our team, also said, “Yes”. This was an experience beyond telling! We arrived in midsummer of 2006, and took the train to Pau, and then a bus to Lourdes, a little town in the Pyrenees. We were assigned to our residence and to an English speaking team. We met with this team each of the evenings we were there, for our “team meeting.” There were talks given each day in the St. Pius X underground arena that held about 12,000 people. We had speakers from around the world talking on various topics that related to the theme of that year. It was inspiring and we still refer to some of the texts, of the talks given there. In attendance, were around 4500 couples and 450 priests. There were many Cardinals and Bishops, and these were all Priest Spiritual Counselors for teams at one time or another.

For Sharla and I, I think, the most powerful moment was when these 450 priests processed into the arena, wearing their white albs. At the consecration of the Mass, all held out their hands to participate in the consecration. It was a tear filled experience for most, if not all, of the attendees. We went to St. Bernadette’s home and from there, we made an evening Rosary and candle lit procession to the Basilica of St. Bernadette. We also walked the life size, “Way of the Cross,” and to the baths at the Grotto. In the town of Lourdes, we had lunch at a little cafe’ and bought bottles to take Lourdes water home with us.

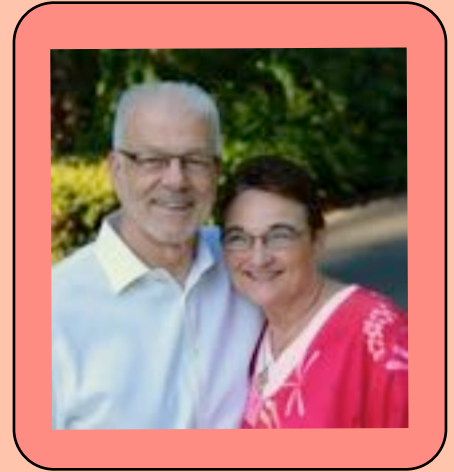
In 2012, we were fortunate enough to attend the IG in Brasilia, Brazil. This was also a fantastic experience and we might add, that this was the first time an IG was held outside of Europe.

This coming IG will be held in Fatima, Poland, from July 16—July 21, 2018. We hope all of you will be able to find a way to come to this International Gathering. As Fr. Dick Rossman wrote for our newsletter after the Lourdes experience, “It is well worth saving your Shekels”, as this is an experience of a lifetime. It is a time of in-depth spirituality and in addition, you will experience a camaraderie and a feel for just how magnificent our Movement really is. It has a global and unifying impact. We experienced group and couple events which were deeply touching.

We would recommend, that if your budget allows, take the opportunity to extend your stay, as there are usually side excursions planned. We found it well worth our time to visit the surrounding tourist sites and spiritual points of interest. Please carefully consider this International Gathering, and you will be greatly blessed, by attending.

Rob and Sharla Walsh

Rob & Sharla Walsh



Lourdes, France



Brasilia, Brazil



News from Sector A

Winter greetings from the DeBlois family. We survived the snow of the season and are trying to re-establish routine in our life, now that it feels we will have a real 5 day work/school week with no unexpected snow days in between. Sector A continues to have our ups and downs with recruitment. We lost our Spanish - speaking team over the summer. We know there is likely great interest in the Hispanic community and hope to some day have more ability to reach and support people within that culture to grow in our Teams community. We still have 8 teams in Sector A and are still hoping to get all of our teams up to at least 5 team members. If you know of couples interested in TOOL, please contact us and we will happily connect with the couples to start the process. As a reminder, all new couples should have an informational session prior to officially joining a team.

Our sector retreat is coming March 10 - 12. Registration is open and the last day to register is March 1st. Couples in Teams will have priority registration until February 10th where the registration will be then open to general public. The theme of the retreat is *Embracing the Mystery* with 5 talks to be given by Fr. Thomas Loya. There will also be a fun guided painting activity on Saturday night. For any questions about the retreat, please contact Bob and Kris Young at 503-641-7452 or through email at team4retreat@gmail.com

Many Blessings,

Portland Sector A Couple
Gerard & Anna DeBlois

News from Boise, Idaho

The interest in *Teams of Our Lady* continues to grow in the Boise area, as couples will be meeting later this month at Holy Apostle Parish in Meridian, Idaho, to learn about the movement.

Please do keep Roger & Lynn Porzig, and Paul & Monique Harris, along with all the Boise couples, in your prayers! Roger & Lynn, Paul & Monique, are piloting the new teams in Boise, Idaho.

Celebrate!



Portland Sector A Anniversaries

January

Coeur d'Alene 04	Wayne & Michelle Hash	Jan 3, 1998
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February

Portland 03	Gene & Sharon Climer	Feb 10, 1996
Coeur d'Alene 04	Marc & Susan Andrews	Feb 18, 1990
Coeur d'Alene 04	Jim & Staci Sanborn	Feb 20, 1999

March

Portland 01	Scott & Janie Selby	Mar 28, 1981
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Portland OR Sector B

January

West Linn 02	David & Carre Heineck	Jan 2, 2009
Gresham 01	Deacon Mike & Linda Caldwell	Jan 5, 1980
Oregon City 02	Mike & Mamie Dec	Jan 23, 1971
Redmond 01	Rob & Sharla Walsh	Jan 11, 1969

February

Oregon City 01	Tom & Kathy Call	Feb 2, 1974
Tacoma WA 01	Derrick & Kelli Sanders	Feb 20, 2005
Redmond 01	Chuck & Marti Meyer	Feb 26, 1977

Boise ID Pre-Sector Sector

February

Boise 02	Todd & Lori Meier	Feb 4, 2007
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We apologize if by chance your anniversary is not listed here and was overlooked; please contact your Sector or Regional Couple to give them the date of your anniversary.



New Addition to Our Families!

Congrats to:

-Pat & Clare Koomler, Boise 02, whose daughter Mary was born on Nov 23.

-Katie & Michael Gray, Oregon City OR 04, on the birth of their daughter, Rose, born on Dec 19.

Our Gratitude and Thanks to Our New Spiritual Counselors!

Rev. Todd Unger	Redmond OR
Rev. Radmar Jam, SJ	Boise ID
Rev. Ben Uhlenkott	Boise ID

Welcome to our newest Team: Oregon City OR 05!

Chris & Nichole Blair
Ken Bakondi & Monica Eischen
John & Sue Maahs
Dennis & Louisa Mayers
Scott & Christine Zetterberg

Teams of Our Lady

presents

Embracing the Mystery

A Retreat for Married Couples

Directed by Fr. Thomas J. Loya, S.T.B., M.A.

Join Teams of Our Lady for a weekend retreat to nourish your life together in Christ. We will look at man, woman, and marriage through the Theology of the Body and the Sacramental-Liturgical worldview to rediscover the ultimate mystical context of marriage and what that means in the lived experience.

Topics

Marriage: The Great Mystery

Who Is Man for Woman and Who Is Woman for Man? The Art of Christian Communication

The Domestic Church

Bedroom, Eucharist, Calvary, Heaven

The weekend schedule will also include the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, time for prayer and reflection with your spouse, and an evening canvas painting activity led by Fr. Loya.

Fr. Thomas J. Loya is pastor of Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen, IL; host of two radio programs, *Light of the East* and *A Body of Truth*; and founder of the Tabor Life Institute.

Registration deadline: March 1, 2017.

LEADERSHIP COUPLES COME TOGETHER **FOR TRAINING**

Incoming Sector Couples are invited to attend Sector Couple Training Aug 4 - 6 in Fredericksburg, Texas. Training will start on Friday evening and go thru Sunday noon. Couples fly out Sunday afternoon.

Prior to the training the Super Regional Team will meet Aug 2-3 and then with the College (Regional Couples) on Aug 3rd to finalize the Sector Couples training presentations.

When:

March 10-12, 2017

Time:

Friday check in at 5 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Concludes at noon on Sunday

Where:

Our Lady of Peace Retreat House
3600 SW 170th Ave Beaverton, OR 97003

Contact:

Bob & Kris Young 503-641-7452
team4retreat@gmail.com



What: **SECTOR COUPLE TRAINING**

When: Aug 4-6, 2017

Where: Fredericksburg, Texas

Contact: Rob & Sharla Walsh
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The Team Meeting Discussion Questions

Feedback From a Pilot Couple

During a recent team meeting, a Discussion Couple from a new team raised concerns about the discussion questions in the team booklet not appearing to have much substance. The discussion question was something to the following: “How do you help your spouse to use their gifts to realize their vocational aspirations? In this case the Discussion Couple mentioned that most responses were similar and that the question did not appear to draw out a very deep response, and needless to say, discussion on that topic was not very engaging with the team couples. Strangely, in our second meeting, having the same question, the second Team had a very interesting discussion on that same question. In this case, the Discussion Couple identified something that was missing in most if not all of the couple responses. What was missing was, no one mentioned that they took time to pray and discern how to help their spouse realize their potential. Strangely, Personal Prayer was the study topic for that month. From that point, with the help of the Discussion Couple, this team then had a very enlightening discussion about prayer, and in particular Adoration and in taking time to listen to Christ speak to our hearts. The discussion was really beneficial, it revealed that all need to turn to prayer more often, not just in times of stress or turmoil, but also in making decisions throughout the day.

So, don't cut your Discussion Study short, tie question responses to the monthly study material, encourage all couples to participate, share your views, and help all to benefit from the discussion.



Northwestern Region Update

Teams of Our Lady in the NorthWestern Region is growing and your help is needed! We are looking for couples who strive to center their lives on Christ and are passionate about *Teams of Our Lady*. Would you be willing to take the next step? Our position as Regional Couple is for 4 years and we would like a couple to shadow us this coming year. The position for Sector Couple is 3 years and we would like a couple in place by next fall to shadow Stephen & Nancy Anderson in Portland OR Sector B. Gerard & Anna Deblois will step down from Portland OR Sector A at our Retreat in March. The most important requirement is your enthusiasm! You will not be working alone as you select couples to help you on your Sector Team in various roles, i.e., Liaison, Informational, Pilot, Prayer, Secretariat, Social Couples, as you designate. Please do give us a call if you are interested or have any questions. By the way, there will be Sector Couple training in Fredericksburg, Texas, with all expenses paid, including flight, hotel & meals.

We've had wonderful growth in Teams... now up to 27 Teams in our region. We are currently piloting 3 teams in Boise, one in Redmond and one in Oregon City. We've been amazed with results of Jake & Yesenia Ineck's efforts in Boise, ID. Jay Wonacott, the Director of Marriage & Family at the Diocese of Boise, tells us that there is interest in Pocatello, Idaho. Our Provincial Couple, Rob & Sharla Walsh, have worked hard to encourage couples both in Coeur d'Alene, ID and in central Oregon. We now have added Wyoming to our region, as requested by Jorge & Noélia Sousa; the teams were piloted by the former SuperRegional Couple, Ted & Eileen Kosnik, back in 2006. As a last note, we expect by next fall to have 5 new Spiritual Counselors in our region! Alleluia!!!

Paul & Monique Harris
Northwestern Regional Couple

Let Us Remember in Our Prayers...



-Rebekah, mother of 5 young children, who needs a kidney transplant;
(go to <http://www.uwmedicine.org/services/kidney> or contact directly the Living Donor Program, University of Washington Medical Center, at 206-598-3627 for information regarding kidney donations).

-Dee, who has a brain tumor;

-Dan, Frankfort, Kansas Teams #2, who has acute myeloid leukemia;

-Beth, cousin of Rochester, MN Team 26 Chaplain, who had two strokes and now is in Hospice care;

-Courtney, mother of 3 young children, who was in the hospital with a blood clot; (her husband had passed away last year from a terminal illness);

-Laurie, who has rectal cancer;

-Ryan, 17 years old, with heart problems;

-Leonard who, while in recovery from knee surgery, suffered a heart attack and is in critical condition;

-Katie, that she had a healthy baby in spite of the medical issues she suffered during her pregnancy;

-for those experiencing tragic situations in our nation & world.

-for those living where there are extreme cold weather conditions, for their safety and health.

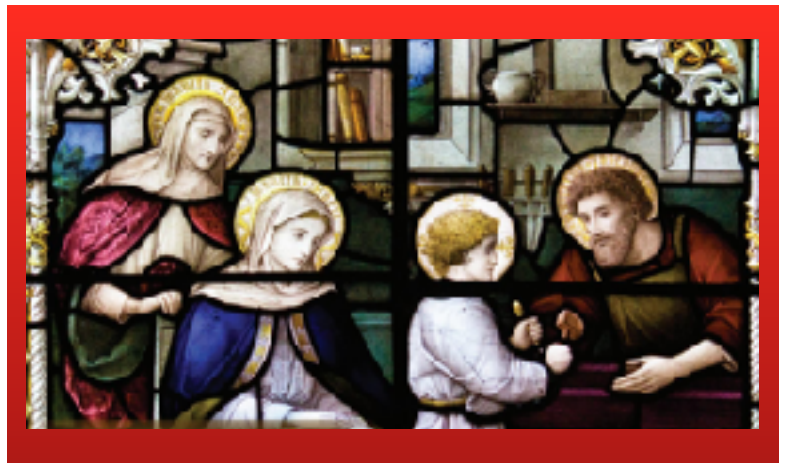
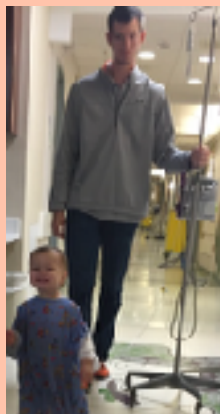
And, for all your personal needs, may God keep his arms wrapped around all for healing, peace, and comfort.

We pray for the repose of the souls of these parents who have passed away:

- the mother of Ginny McNees,
- the father of Joe Mohr,
- the father of Tom Locke.

May they all rest in the heavenly peace.

We thank you all for your prayers for little Julie, granddaughter of Kathy & Tom and for little Owen, grandson of Ed & Gilda. Both children are now healthy and back home with their families.



Praying Together as a Family

GROWING IN FAITH & LOVE EACH DAY

This is a wonderful series on family prayer, appearing soon on EWTN, on April 3rd at 5 pm Eastern time, and is based on the book, *A Short Guide to Praying Together as a Family*. Attached is a brief excerpt from one of the series on the Short family.

“Recognizing Christ's command to each of us to “Come away and pray with me”, the series demonstrate how families in very unique ways learn to pray, and keep Christ at the center of their lives. The series was authored by a group of Dominican nuns operating out of Nashville Tennessee. “ Learn more about the series by downloading the EWTN app and go to the program “Jim and Joy” for February 2 to listen to a brief recap of the the entire series.

“Praying together not only enriches family life but also leads the Catholic family toward its primary goal: the holiness and salvation of each member. This wonderful book provides a simple and easy-to-implement plan for family prayer. Arranged successively according to the basic stages of prayer, *A Short Guide to Praying as a Family* allows each family to progress step by step from one level of prayer to the next. Beautiful stained-glass images invite you to enter the mystery of each prayer and give glory to God as a family.”

“Compiled by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, this book is backed by a strong Catholic tradition rooted in teaching the faith. From making time to recite basic oral prayers throughout the day to making each moment of life a prayer, *A Short Guide to Praying as a Family* is a lifelong guide to the spiritual life and a powerful means of building a relationship with the Lord.”

To preview the book, go to: https://issuu.com/marijustin/docs/praying_as_a_family_preview?e=8582527/10701186

Our thanks for his contribution goes to:

Tom Meier, Oregon City OR 04



We ask your prayers for the Beautification and Canonization of Fr. Henri Caffarel, the founder of Teams of Our Lady and Prophet of Marriage.