

"The world offers you  
comfort, but you were not  
made for comfort. You were  
made for greatness."

—Pope Benedict XVI

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# TEAMS OF OUR LADY

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### Upcoming

## EVENTS

**Portland Sector A Summit**  
St Francis Parish, Sherwood  
**Sunday, June 25, 1 - 4 pm**

**National Sector Couple Training**  
Fredericksburg, Texas  
**Aug 6 - 8, 2017**

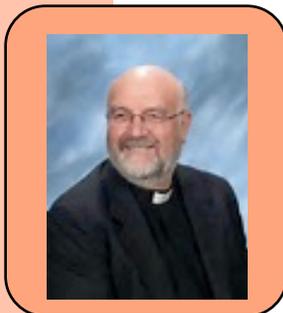
**International Conference**  
Fatima July 16-21, 2018

**2019 National Conference**  
Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas  
**July 16-19, 2019**

## MEETINGS

**Informational Meetings:**  
May 21, 2017, following 10 am mass at:  
St Stephen Parish, Portland  
St Thomas Parish, Coeur d'Alene

**Portland OR Sector B Meetings**  
Sunday, June 4 1 to 4 pm  
Sunday, Sept 17 1 to 4 pm



## Why Accept Responsibility for Team Leadership?

We recently had as part of our Gospel on Sunday (John 10) the comment by Jesus where he says, "I came as that they might have life and have it more abundantly". So Jesus you want to give me(us) more life then I presently have and that would look like what?

We can look at the way Jesus lived his life and it is easy for us to see that it literally drained out of his body. He was so for us that not only did he drive himself to exhaustion teaching his close followers but he did the same thing with his emotional life and then with his physical life. Our response to his being for us in this way is to hope that there is still another response that we might choose. Therefore, should we be more active and pro-active, and leave less of us remaining?

The problem that is difficult for us to grab ahold of is that in order to receive more life we have to use up what we presently have or give away the present life. We are not able to run faster if we run slower. No, in order to go faster we have to use all available muscles and energy now and become breathless and in that way we become faster and have more life.

You probably have read things about what is called "burn-out." Generally those articles would give as advice that everyone is to take care of themselves in such a way as to not come close to burn-out. I had a classmate that certainly took care of himself to the extent that he never exerted himself and I would describe him as a slug who would never set any generosity records.

I wonder if we don't all believe the scarcity rule which would say that we are short of everything. We are short of time, short of energy, of brains, of money, of space and the list continues. When we apply this rule to ourselves it is sort of the opposite of how Jesus wants to give us more abundant life. When I presently think of having less than I need, why would I want to push Jesus into giving me more?

Jesus, it is frightening to think of what might happen to us if we accepted more responsibility. We would like to know EXACTLY how much more life you might give us!!!!

**Portland NW Regional Chaplain**  
*Fr Dick Rossman*

## *News from Our Provincial Couple*

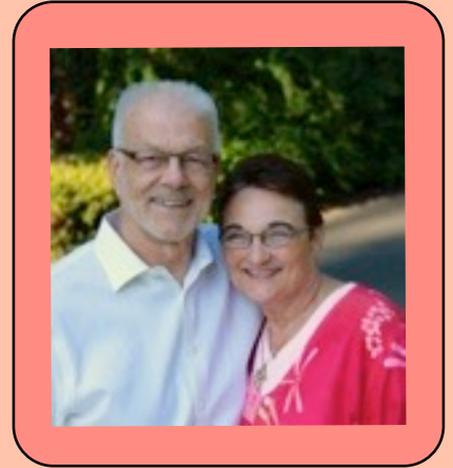
Hello everyone in the Northwestern Region! We have recently been at a meeting with the US Super Regional Couple and Team. Our Super Regional Couple's main goal is to get the Teams of Our Lady Movement back to its roots; to operate the way Fr. Henri Caffarel (our Founder) set it up and organized it to be. During our discussions and conversations, it was suggested that our first one, two or three Piloting meetings, focus on the Teams of Our Lady Charter. The Charter is available to read and study on our new website: [www.teamsofourlady.org](http://www.teamsofourlady.org)

The Charter is the body of work that Fr. Caffarel submitted to the Vatican in order that our Movement be recognized by the Pontifical Council for the Laity, as an approved Movement of the Catholic Church. All Teams couples are encouraged to read the Charter, and we expect that new Teams that are being formed will be reading and studying the Charter during the first 3 months of the Piloting process. It would be especially important and beneficial for all Pilot Couples and Responsible Couples to read the Charter as it will help reinforce our commitment to this wonderful method of finding Christ in and through our Sacrament of Matrimony, beginning with the piloting process.

We have also been asked to encourage the formations of Sector Teams. A "Sector Team" is a group of people that are chosen from several teams to help their Sector Couple perform their duties. The Sector Team consists of: Information Couple(s), Pilot Couple(s) and, possibly, a Newsletter Couple, an Activities Couple and, later, Liaison Couples. Therefore, do not be afraid to step up to a leadership position, as your Provincial Couple, your Regional Couple and your Sector Team will be there to assist you. We are a large group of active volunteers and we will make Teams work together.

We are looking forward our next meeting when we can catch up on your personal and Teams life.

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### **International Gathering Update**

**Fatima July 16-21, 2018  
(Limited Attendance # available)**

There are approximately 46 couples and 3 priests from our Western Province hoping to attend the 2018 Teams of Our Lady Pilgrimage to Fatima July 16 - 21. As there are currently only 210 available slots, for the US, it means that there is only room for 105 couples in terms of room and board. There are 4 Provinces, so there is now a waiting list.

Registration will start on September 15, 2017 and will end on January 15, 2018. The approximate cost per person is between 500-550 Euros. Information of where to send the money for payment will be coming out in September, with the initial deposit of 1/2 the cost will be due on September 15 and the balance by January 15, of 2018.

Cost for Registration includes room and board in Fatima for 5 nights and ground transportation to and from the airport in Portugal. They will start transporting people to the airport in Lisbon from Fatima after 3 pm. Those flying back directly from the Gathering need to book late on Saturday, July 21. However, generally there are no late flight to US out of Lisbon. To stay updated with any changes and for more information, check out the webpage: <http://www.endfatima2018.pt/en/>

## News from Sector A

Sector A will be gathering soon for a Summit on June 25, an important opportunity for all TOOL couples in the sector to express their opinions and concerns for their Sector and the future of teams in the Portland area. There are great opportunities for growth in Oregon as new couples continue to inquire about *Teams of Our Lady*.

It is the Sector's hope that the Summit will bear good fruit... Each couple can bear the light of Teams to everyone they meet.... After all, we are not to put our lanterns under a box, but let the light of our faith shine out to all.

Gerard & Anna DeBlois as Sector A Couple for these 4 years have been faithful and good stewards to the Movement and we as a Sector will be always grateful for the work and dedication as they will soon step down as Sector A Couple. We have faith in our TOOL couples that the movement of Teams of Our Lady will go on.

## News from Sector B

As the Rosary Bowl this year will be taking place on October 7, at the same time of our scheduled Sector B Retreat, and that most of the teams have already attended the TOOL Retreat in March (kudos to Sector A, for "the best retreat my husband and I have ever attended!"), or planned their own individual team retreats for this year, couples at the Sector Service Meeting proposed attending the Rosary Bowl as an opportunity for a TOOL enrichment, then having a dinner together afterwards. At the Rosary Bowl we would have the benefit of a Mass, guest speakers, Archbishop and other activities throughout the day. We may conclude the day with a group dinner at a local restaurant for discussion about the day's events.

In lieu of the Oct 6-8 Griffin Retreat, couples suggested having a Sector event take place in late January or early February when schedules are not so busy. It would be an event to look forward to during the dreariness of winter. Roger and Lynn Porzig volunteered to help organize the event as long as they could get another team to assist. The event may have to be scaled back depending on factors like the availability of a meeting place and available guest speakers.

Finally, with the growth of teams in Oregon City, now up to 5 teams, mostly from St John the Apostle, but also from Christ the King and St John the Baptist parishes, there is interest among couples to sponsor events for TOOL couples and to increase awareness of Teams within the parishes. We have increased participation among our teams in church activities, such as donuts after mass, FUN night dinners before RE, and soup & stations of the cross. Lastly, there is the constant search for a priest, deacon, or sister, to become Spiritual Counselors for our teams. As we have had upon occasion our pastor attend our meetings, his presence has added immensely to our meetings. May God inspire and guide them all!

## Celebrate!



### Portland Sector A Anniversaries

#### April

Portland 01	Steve & Leslie Rainey	April 21, 1979
Portland 02	Phil & Lisa McGuigan	April 29, 1989

#### May

Coeur d'Alene 1	Ben & Kayla Wilson	May 20, 2011
Coeur d'Alene 4	Rod & Kristi Asburry	May 21, 1983
Portland 01	Dave & Theresa Schierman	May 23, 1970
Portland 05	Chet & Kristen Mehta	May 24, 2003
Salem 01	Manuel & Faith Dauvin	May 31, 1999

#### June

Portland 01	Fr Richard Rossman	Jun 12, 1971
Coeur d'Alene 01	Mark & Lori Entringer	Jun 20, 1987

### Portland OR Sector B

#### April

Gresham 02	Jim & Sylvia Boyce	Apr 1, 1967
Oregon City 04	Daniel & Julie Bennett	Apr 25, 2003
Gresham 02	Peter & Lee Baur	Apr 27, 1996

#### May

Oregon City 02	Paul & Monique Harris	May 8, 1971
Oregon City 04	Chris & Kellie Luty	May 16, 1998
West Linn 02	Paul & Jodie Saldanha	May 18, 1996

#### June

Oregon City 03	Joe & Jenny Barrett	Jun 2, 2007
Canby 01	Hung & Anna Phan	Jun 8, 1991
Redmond 01	Dick & Marion Anderson	Jun 15, 1968

### Boise Idaho Pre-Sector Sector

#### April

Boise 02	Josh & Meredith Dickson	Apr 10, 2010
Boise 03	Katie & Victor Vincent	Apr 17, 2009
Boise 01	Anna & Nate Gamel	Apr 18, 2009

#### May

Boise 02	Andrew and Natasha Furphy	May 7, 2016
Boise 03	Diana & Bruce Hamerl	May 8, 1991
Boise 02	Clare and Pat Koomler	May 19, 2007
Boise 01	Peter & Katy Privon	May 29, 2010

#### June

Boise 02	Erik & Angela Hanson	Jun 3, 2006
Boise 01	Amanda and Nick LaMott	Jun 5, 2009
Boise 03	Sterling & Michael Jaquith	Jun 5, 2010
Boise 02	Dave & Tina Klaisle	Jun 8, 2002
Boise 03	Lydia and Leon Rubalcava	Jun 22, 2012

### New Addition to Our Families!



Congrats to:

-Andrew and Natasha Furphy, Boise ID 02, on the birth of their daughter, Mariana Lucia Furphy born on April 5

-Kayla and Derek Hudson, Boise ID 02, on the birth of their son, Xavier born on Feb 17.

## News from our Regional Couple!

There is much to be excited about in our Northwestern Region...

- growth in Oregon City, Oregon;
- growth in Boise, Idaho;
- growth in Redmond, Oregon;
- growth in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

And of course, we are thrilled to see the new *Teams of Our Lady* website, launched this past month. The new upcoming functions will include:

- a click-on TOOL map to email Regional Couple;
- capability to make donations directly to TOOL;
- log-in by leadership couples to update rosters.

The couples on the SuperRegional Team have been diligently at work for the last 2 years. Our Provincial Couple Rob and Sharla Walsh, on their part, have begun to transcribe the letters of Fr. Caffarel from his book, *Being Present to God, Letters on Prayer*. The reason the letters are being transcribed, is that this book is no longer in print and this is one of the few books that was translated to English from French. The US Super Region wanted to make this available in electronic format, so that we would all have access to these. There is much wisdom in these letters for Team couples.

Never do you realize how much you value your faith and your TOOL community until you come across a crisis in your lives... after my 95-year old mother died suddenly, uprooting all our plans for the coming week... the TOOL retreat, our team meeting, Serra Club Priest Appreciation Dinner, Vocation Rally both at St Anthony Parish, Tigard, and at Queen of Peace Parish, Salem, for 6th grade students— all activities paid for and dearly anticipated, that we so treasure those two Boise meetings that came two days after my mother's funeral. Of course we all know that death can come when you least expect it, and more the reason for our continued reason and passion for Teams.

There remains so much potential for growth and great is the need for Pilot & Information Couples in our Northwestern Region. Here are some goals for this coming year.... By the way, we can not do it all. We need your help!

Tacoma, WA  
Boise, ID  
Pocatello, ID  
Hillsboro, OR  
St Steven Parish, Portland  
St Anne, Gresham  
St Luke Parish, Woodburn

These are all areas where there have been inquiries about Teams, (not to include Alaska and our newest state, Wyoming). Roger & Lynn Porzig have been very helpful in piloting one of the Boise Teams, holding Informational Meetings for couples at Resurrection Parish and in couples' homes, for which we are very grateful. We are currently recruiting for a 4th team in Boise, and we see continued growth of teams in that area.

As Rob & Sharla have said so many times, piloting a new team gives back so much joy and you always receive back more than you give, in spite of having done the piloting book umpteen times!!! Please do seriously consider taking on this beautiful ministry ... share your love and passion for Teams!

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“Your mission as Christian couples and parents passes beyond the limited confines of the family... By being welcoming, friendly, open to the needs of others, a home is already showing an authentic apostolate by its example and the radiance of its love.”  
Pope John XXIII to Teams, 1959



“...Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit...”  
John 15:5



During the private audience we had in September

2015, Pope Francis encouraged all Team couples to give others what we have already received.

# Embracing the Mystery Teams of Our Lady Marriage Retreat March 10 - 12, 2017



Saturday evening couples tried their hands at painting their version of the lily to the right.



The painting titled, "Peace Lily" incorporates in visual form a summation of the points presented during the marriage retreat. The Peace Lily is a symbol associated with the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, a most appropriate time and theme for a retreat for married couples. The lily on the right represents the husband. It is taller and more angular in character symbolizing masculinity and the man's call to protect woman. The lily on the left, with its more concentric shape, represents the wife, the woman, and is positioned in the manner of the creation of the first Woman, Eve-- at the side of her man and under his protection.

Both lilies lean toward one another symbolizing the principle of the deferential type of love of the Holy Trinity and also the principle that husband and wife must at all times seek to take steps toward one another and toward meeting each other's legitimate needs as man and woman.

Prominent beneath the lilies are robust green leaves. Purposely placed beneath the lilies themselves, the leaves symbolize the fruitfulness born from the couple. The color green is a symbol for life.

The lilies are surrounded by a crown of thorns. Man and woman are crowned in marriage as a king and queen of a new household and a new life together. But the thorns communicate the overarching theme that marital love is marked by martyrdom, a continual dying to self in order to make a gift of oneself to the other. An overarching Crown of Thorns also reminds the couple that the closer each one gets to Christ, the closer they will grow toward each other.

Couples attending this retreat looked at man, woman and marriage through the Sacramental-Liturgical worldview to rediscover the ultimate mystical context of marriage and what that means in the lived experience. Here are the various topics covered over the course of the weekend:

## Marriage: The Great Mystery

This presentation provided the ultimate "why" behind marriage. Unless we know the "why" we do not really know "how" to be married.

## Who is Man for Woman and Who is Woman for Man?

Our bodies as man and woman speak a language. They have a theology to them. Decoding the language and theology of the body clues us into the secrets of how man and woman can help meet each other's legitimate needs and avoid connecting on the level of each other's greatest fears.

## The Art of Christian Communication

There is a specifically Christian way to communicate which is very effective for both preventing and healing hurt and anger.

## The Domestic Church

Couples need to exist in a culture of marriage. To have a culture of marriage in the home requires that we have culture of church in our homes. Our homes need to be a 'domestic church.'

## Bedroom, Eucharist, Calvary, Heaven

Sacramental marriage finds its ultimate destiny in the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in Heaven and its context on earth in the Liturgy of the Church.

Western Provincial Couple Rob & Sharla Walsh had a busy weekend March 10-12 as they not only attended the TOOL Retreat at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, Oregon, but also manned a table for *Teams of Our Lady* at St Cecelia Parish for the Archdiocesan Ministry Forum following the retreat Sunday afternoon. This Forum was sponsored by Jason Kidd, Director of Marriage & Family Life, and focused on *Theology of the Body*. Along with the Walshes, Informational Couple Roger & Lynn Porzig, Portland Sector B Couple Steve & Nancy Anderson, and Michael & Katie Gray also attended this event.

In the photo below, Sharla Walsh on the left side of the table, along with Sister Dorothy Radoli and Steve & Nancy Anderson, stand by the *Teams of Our Lady* table and Western Provincial banner.



## Archdiocese MINISTRY FORUM: An Intro to Theology of the Body

Several TOOL couples attended the Archdiocese Forum, which touched on the bodily dimension of the human person, the nature of sexuality, the need for communion, & the nature of marriage. **National Speakers Sr. Helena Burns & Fr. Thomas Loya spoke about issues that apply to every family and marriage.** The ministry was followed by small group discussions. Couples then applied what they learned at a local restaurant of their choice that evening.

*"The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches."  
Amoris Laetitia*

**First TOOL Retreat in Idaho!  
March 11 ~ St. Pius Parish in Coeur d'Alene**



3/11/2017 TOOL CdA-01 Camp Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene Facilitator Kathy Finley

L to R: Bridget & Bruce Sundahl; Charlie & Peggy Hodge; Jill & Rho Zaragoza;  
Susan & Tamarack Andrews; Mitch & Kathy Finley; Mark & Lori Entringer

Here is a photo of our inspiring retreat held on March 11, 2017, at Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene. It was the very first TOOL retreat in Idaho! Yay!

Our retreat facilitator was Kathy Finley, Instructor in the Religious Studies Department of Gonzaga University and a freelance speaker and writer. She and her husband Mitch have been speaking and writing together and separately on topics of practical spirituality for over 30 years. Their website is [www.mitchandkathyfinley.com](http://www.mitchandkathyfinley.com)

Mitch and Kathy have written many intriguing books on Catholic spirituality, focusing on topics which we can all relate to, dealing with marriage, family, and faith. They are sought-after speakers throughout the US, leading retreats, workshops and are regular contributors to "Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions" and "Living Faith for Kids."

*Mark & Susan Andrews,  
Coeur d'Alene 01, Idaho*



**MITCH & KATHY  
FINLEY**

### All About Us

A pro-marriage gathering was held on May 6, at St. Pius X in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Several Teams couples attended this event last year and so decided this year to set up a table and share information about *Teams of Our Lady* with other couples attending the event. Let the fire of *Teams of Our Lady* spread throughout Idaho!

In the beginning there were 4 babies...



Above you see 16 children within their Team!

Mark & Julie Wagner Family, from Team Portland 05



Wagner Teams Testimony:

Mark and I were lucky to belong to a parish in Beaverton, OR, with an active Young Adult Ministry. That's how we met – playing weekly volleyball with the young adult group. We also volunteered together in Youth Ministry, sharing our faith with High School teens in Confirmation Prep and later Middle School Ministry. We were very active in our parish life, but after getting married, we started looking for another option of sharing our faith with a focus on married life. Our beloved Young Adult Group was mostly single friends with different needs and goals, so we asked other couples at our parish what they did to nourish their marriages. Thankfully, several pointed us to this international, but just growing locally in Oregon, “well-kept secret” called Teams of Our Lady.

We invited a few other married friends to “get informed” with us and shared info about Teams on our Young Adult Ministry website seeking other marrieds like ourselves. That was the beginning of Portland Team 5. Funny thing is that of the seven original couples, only one of us had a baby. Within the year, four of us were expecting. We shared our new parenting journey as well as sadly, our grief from losing our first child (stillborn). After 12 years in Teams, and five kids later, we are still finding nourishment and support in sharing our Catholic marriage journey with other couples in Teams. Sure, the monthly childcare can be a challenge, but it's worth it. And our Teams calendar is very family-oriented. We include our children in our annual Christmas Party and Summer Swim BBQ, and we commit to the second Sunday of the month being our normal Teams meeting, so it's easy to plan ahead. We also look at our monthly Teams meeting as an afternoon “date-night” (with encouraging adult conversation/meal/and prayer). What married couple with young kids doesn't appreciate that on a regular basis?!

Mark & Julie Wagner



## Let Us Remember in Our Prayers...



- Larry Wagner, for his continued recovery;  
Larry & Judy are the National Prayer Couple.
- Daniel, a young college student that committed suicide;
- All those suffering from cancer, that God may embrace them with his healing touch:  
Maria, Arlene, Norman, Laura's 3 yr son, Paulette, Celena, (a young mother), Larry, Judy, Arlene, Kristi, Gustavo, John's nephew, Pedro, Jami, mother of 3 young children;
- Family of a 2 yr old boy, Jaxon accidentally ran over by his older brother;
- Suicidal senior high school and her struggling single mother;
- Fr. Albert, suffering with multiple health issues;
- Fr. Jim Shaughnessy's continued recovery;
- Ken, recovering from triple bypass surgery;
- Ed, a diabetic with infection issues;
- John, suffering from fever of unknown origin;
- Jane and Rick, for their recovery from major surgery;
- Shannon, dealing with complications with her pregnancy;
- Grace who lost her baby at 18 weeks;
- Landrie, infant hospitalized with RSV;
- Imosen a 3 year old girl who will undergo a heart transplant;
- Lizzie, going through hard times;
- Parents of a TOOL couple:  
Mother with an undiagnosed respiratory distress,  
Father who had several TIA strokes last year;

Prayers for their peace during this time of grieving.

We give thanks

-Veronica Jara, for her recovery from a resistant bacterial infection!

Many thanks from David & Veronica Jara!

-Rick, now cancer-free!

He and his family are so very grateful for your prayers!

-Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, whose surgery went well!

We thank you for your prayers and may God bless each of you.

We pray for healing for all these and the Lord's support for their families and friends. May our Mother Mary intercede for all and ask for God's healing grace, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

*On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Charter of the Teams of Our Lady, the International Leading Team and the Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel are organising a scientific colloquium on December 8th and 9th, 2017, placed under the patronage of Cardinal André Vingt-Trois, Archbishop of Paris*



## Message from Tó & José Moura Soares

A saint is firstly someone who is **“alive,”** someone towards whom everyone moves in order to live and overcome the difficulties of their daily life. Therefore, the more we know Father Caffarel, the more he is loved, thus contributing to accelerating the day when the Church will proclaim the holiness of his life.

And we will finish with Pope Francis' statement on this subject, made at the Movement's audience, “The cause of beatification of your founder, Father Caffarel, has been introduced in Rome. I pray that the Holy Spirit enlightens the Church in the judgement that it will have to pronounce on this subject one day.”

*Tó & José Moura Soares  
ERI, International  
Responsible Couple*



*“Finding the path to holiness  
consists, in fact, in **seeking.**”*