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Upcoming

EVENTS

Coeur d'Alene, Family Picnic
St Pius Parish 5 pm to dusk
July 27, 2017

Sector Couple Training
San Antonio, Texas
Aug 6-8, 2017

International Conference
Fatima July 16-21, 2018

National Conference
Navasota, TX, **July 16-19, 2019**

MEETINGS

Informational Meetings:

Friday, August 11 7 pm

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Responsible Couple Training

Saturday, Sept 16 9 am to noon
St John the Apostle Parish



Gilda &
Ed Cadieux
Coastal Regional Couple
North Carolina, South
Carolina



Maureen Vanacore
President and
CEO of eWebLife with
Chad Tripp &
Randy Kemberling



Raquel & Chad Tripp
Southeast Regional Couple
Alabama, Florida, Georgia & Mississippi

Here are some new faces for you, the workers behind the *Teams of Our Lady* webpage. Ed Cadieux and Chad Tripp have been busy over the last past year with Maureen Vanacore and the "Content Team" setting up the new Team website. These couples on the Team include TJ & Ellen Holt, Bob & Janie Mericsko, Rob & Sharla Walsh, Ed & Susan Klein, Robert & Ruth Williamson, and George & Mary Klosterman. There is so much to offer... from Facebook, team calendar, to online roster update with password sign-in (coming out this year). Anything you would like to have on the website is there, and if it isn't, it will be soon!

For example, ERI Recommended Study Topic for 2016/2017, which will lead us all up to Fatima, will be available this fall in pdf form, under the tab **Resources**... all teams throughout the world will be using this study topic and everyone in the US is also encouraged to do so.

If you have not yet taken a look at the webpage, please do so! (Click [here](#)). Here's a brief outline of what you'll find (available in 5 different languages):

About us: About Teams of Our Lady, Mission, Charter, History, Spiritual Counselor, FAQ, Overview, Testimonials

Join: How is a team formed?, Endeavors, Join

Organization: US & ERI leadership, Location & Structure

Fr Caffarel: Our founder, Letters on Prayer, Writings...

News/Events: Team news, US & International, Calendar, Fatima, Magnificat, Newsletters

Resources: Prayer, Study & Retreat Material, Documents, Website links

Donate - the capability to donate online will be coming.

And there is more to come!!! (Just scroll down the home page to see upcoming changes.)

News from Sector A

We have been pretty quiet over the past few months. Baseball, pee wee basketball, busy work schedules and school and life commitments took over our spring life. However, with all of our activities and commitments, we were still able commit to teams and attend our monthly meetings. In June, Gerard was able to attend the workshop on the new leadership developing in the Northwest Region of Teams. As a region, we continue to grow and develop and continue to unify with other regions throughout the United States and worldwide. There are often times we forget about the awesome movement and how many couples worldwide are working on the same endeavors that my husband and me work on a daily basis. Other than attending Mass and receiving Eucharist, there is nothing that we are involved in that includes so many diverse cultures, languages and ethnicity - all for the hope and work of bettering our marriages and creating a stronger culture of marriage in this very broken world. We are ever so grateful we found teams 10 years ago (we joined our team in September 2007).

As we took on the role of Sector Couple almost 4 years ago, we felt obligated to contribute our time to this great movement that has helped us through ups and downs in our marriage. We have a team that feels like family and often know more intimate details than our family from afar. We are ever so grateful for the love and support we gain from our team through our joys and trials. Being part of the Sector has not only connected us with great families and friends on our team, but also great connections throughout the sector. Even though we will be transitioning out of sector couple at the end of this year, we are committed to teams and to continuing the success of the movement. We hope that each of you find that same gratitude for what teams can do for your marriage and find ways to continue to help our Northwest Region unify with the nation of Teams to help build a stronger marriage culture throughout the United States!

*Gerard & Anna DeBlois
Portland OR Sector A*

News from Sector B

The Anderson family are moving on and as such, Steve & Nancy have had to reluctantly resign as Sector Couple for Portland Sector B. We thank Steve & Nancy for their service as Sector Couple for *Teams of Our Lady*. We'll keep them in our prayers as they move on to the next phase of their lives and wish them good health, happiness and peace. May the Lord watch over them with all their new endeavors.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Rosary Bowl in Salem on Oct 7... We'll be heading out to a restaurant afterwards!

News from Coeur d'Alene

We invite you to our second annual Family Picnic at St. Pius on Thursday, July 27th. All teams will gather on the lawn at 5 o'clock till dark to enjoy a picnic of hamburgers/veggie burgers and delicious sides. We will play yard games and get to know each other. We will provide supper... just bring something to quench your thirst.

*In His Grip,
Bridget and Bruce Sundahl*



New Addition to Our Families!

-Jake & Yesenia, on the birth of their daughter born on July 11

-Hailey & Jerel, on the birth of their twin boys, Benedict & Theodore born on June 29

Celebrate!



Portland Sector A Anniversaries

July

Portland 08	Nick & Maurissa Fisher	Jul 5, 2003
Coeur d'Alene 01	Rho & Jill Zaragoza	Jul 6, 1996
Portland 02	Derek & Monica Conrow	Jul 10, 1999
Portland 08	Jason & Gia Waugh	Jul 11, 2003
Portland 08	Brendan & Anna O'Connor	Jul 17, 2004
Portland 08	Brian & Yvonne Gill	Jul 31, 2005

August

Coeur d'Alene 1	Bruce & Bridget Sundahl	Aug 11, 1990
Portland 2	John & Maureen Clifford	Aug 12, 2006
Portland 8	Mike & Lucinda Choi	Aug 19, 2006
Coeur d'Alene 4	Rob & Jennifer Palus	Aug 20, 1994
Portland 4	Bob & Denise Tomasovic	Aug 21, 1971
Portland 7	Paul & Christine Roth	Aug 23, 2008
Portland 7	Amir & Michelle Mehrabi	Aug 28, 2004

September

Portland 5	Gerard & Anna DeBlois	Sep 2, 2006
Portland 5	Mark & Julie Wagner	Sep 3, 2000
Portland 7	Greg & Andrea Maurer	Sep 8, 2007
Portland 4	Robert & Kris Young	Sep 15, 1984
Portland 2	Lonnie & Jill LaFave	Sep 19, 1993
Portland 2	Tim & Stephenie Curtiss	Sep 24, 1988

Portland OR Sector B

July

West Linn 02	Eric & Yaresa Jaroch	Jul 2, 1994
Oregon City 02	David & Patricia Bredemann	Jul 4, 1970
Oregon City 04	Michael & Katie Gray	Jul 4, 2015
Canby 01	Steve & Lora Heli	Jul 5, 1969
Oregon City 03	Robert & Christine Lippi	Jul 9, 1988
Oregon City 03	Sean & Lauren Fuller	Jul 17, 2004
Tacoma WA 01	Joe & Anna Skillman	Jul 18, 2009

August

West Linn	Nichlas & Joelle Schaal	Aug 2, 2008
Canby	Neil & Michelle Davies	Aug 3, 1991
Canby	Mike & Heidi Gorka	Aug 3, 2007
Oregon City 4	Tom & Sara Meier	Aug 4, 2000
Oregon City 1	Bill & Doris Allen	Aug 5, 1972
West Linn 2	Roger & Lynn Porzig	Aug 6, 1983
Oregon City 2	Bob & Ann Gilmore	Aug 10, 1985
West Linn 1	Mike & Jackie Purcell	Aug 14, 1999
Oregon City 1	Dave & Sherry Brost	Aug 15, 1992
Oregon City 2	Bob Wendling & Charlene Lang	Aug 17, 2013
Oregon City 1	Barry & Penny Greig	Aug 18, 1973

Sept

Oregon City 1	Ryan & Jocelyn Mainard	Sep 10, 1999
Gresham 2	Mike & Marlene Myers	Sep 23, 1978
West Linn 2	Jeff & Betsy Taylor	Sep 23, 1988

Boise ID Pre-Sector Sector

July

Boise 01	Jerel & Hailey Nelson	Jul 19, 2013
Boise 01	Jake & Yesenia Ineck	Jul 25, 2008

August

Boise 03	Joe & Jessica Bruce	Aug 6, 2016
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News from Our Provincial Couple

We are part of a huge worldwide movement of married couples who care deeply about their marriages and spirituality. We can change the world and the way it perceives marriage to be, by living out our Sacrament through our love for each other, for God and by practicing and incorporating the Teams Endeavors into our lives. This builds our faith and our love. We always remember and reiterate what Fr. Peter Fernandes said, "Without holy marriages, we can't have holy families, and without families, we cannot have a Holy Church."

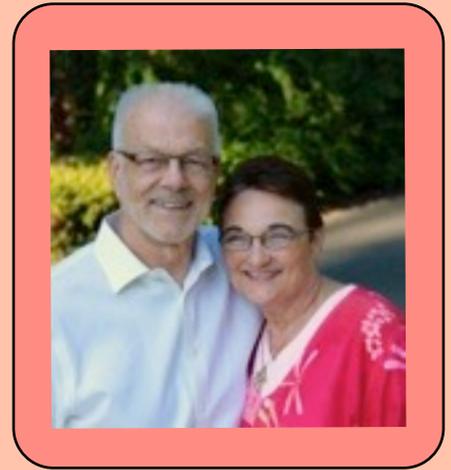
In order for our Movement to grow and flourish, we need to reach out to one another and communicate. That is one of the functions of the Provincial Couple; to be the connection between the US Super Regional Couple (Jorge and Noelia Sousa) and the Regional Couples (Paul and Monique Harris and Tom and Gay Locke).

The best way to spread Teams is by word of mouth. Please let other couples know what Teams is about and what it has done for your marriage and life. All of us are capable of being "information couples" in this way. When we take ownership of our Movement and let our love for each other and for God shine forth, we will be bringing Christ into our world and truly be the icon or example, of his love for the Church (all of us). We actually, can make a difference in the world by supporting each other and sharing our love with others. When you feel comfortable in your Teams life, you will be willing and called to reach out and share it with others. Please let us know if you would like to help us spread Teams by becoming an Information Couple, by piloting a Team, by becoming Sector Couple or in any other ways that you have talents or treasures. We will provide all the materials, training and support you will need; we have your back!! It is such a fulfilling way to minister to the world. We all care about healthy, loving marriages. "It is a path to holiness of the highest order".

Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est

Teams really does build fellowship and support to couples and brings us closer to the Lord and each other.

*Rob and Sharla Walsh.
Western Provincial Couple*



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THE SECTOR TEAM

Our Super Regional Couple, Jorge and Noelia Sousa, have set a goal for the United States Teams to get back to our roots. One of the things that needs to be re-introduced and established, is the Sector Team. It consists of several couples who are specifically chosen and designated to assist the Sector Couple in accomplish their duties. "Many hands make light work".

The Sector Team consists of Sector Couple, Information Couple(s), Pilot Couple(s), Liaison Couples; there can be a secretariat, newsletter couple, activities couple, etc. These couples get together three times per year to plan and do some training for the months ahead. The Sector Couple will run the meetings, and discuss and plan Sector Days and other upcoming events and news.

News from our Regional Couple!

GRATITUDE AND UNITY
within
TEAMS OF OUR LADY

We are so **grateful** for the service and dedication to the movement that our Sector Couples, Gerard & Anna DeBlois, Portland Sector A and Steve & Nancy Anderson, Portland Sector B have provided these past few years. We have relied on them to be the energizing force behind their team couples, giving the couples support, help, and encouragement within their respective sector. We send them our heartfelt love and prayers as they both step down from their roles of Sector Couples. May the Lord send His blessings down on both of them and their families.

Our **gratitude** also goes out to Martin & Ana Keim, Harold & Ginny McNees, and Andrew & Natasha Furphy. These couples have said **YES** to attending the National Sector Couple Training in Fredericksburg, Texas, Aug 4-6. Martin & Ana Keim will be stepping up to be Sector Couple for Portland OR Sector A. Harold & Ginny McNees are in the process of discernment for the position of Portland OR Sector B Couple. Andrew & Natasha Furphy will represent the 3 teams in Boise, ID, and will share their experience upon their return with team couples in Boise. May the leadership of these couples give encouragement to all couples within their Sectors to support them in various leadership roles. *Teams of Our Lady*, as a movement, encourages us all to challenge ourselves and assume leadership positions... listen to what the Holy Spirit may be asking of you and help us to grow within our Sector, Region, Nation and the World.

We are also **grateful** for the dedication of the leadership of Teams of Our Lady from Tó & José Moura Soares, ERI, International Responsible Couple, who flew to Turlock, California to introduce us to the concept of Liaison Couples and **Unity** which liaison brings to Teams, as they work to bring the US back to its roots. We are **grateful** for Jorge & Noélia, US SuperRegional for their encouragement in moving the US forward in this endeavor. Our **gratitude** also goes out to Rob & Sharla Walsh, Western Provincial Couple who work tirelessly in promoting and spreading teams wherever they go. They also worked diligently in organizing the first Summit Meeting for Portland OR Sector A. (As a note, Rob & Sharla are working on transcribing the letters from one of Fr. Caffarel's books, "*Being Present to God, Letters on Prayer*", which are being posted on the Teams of Our Lady website.)

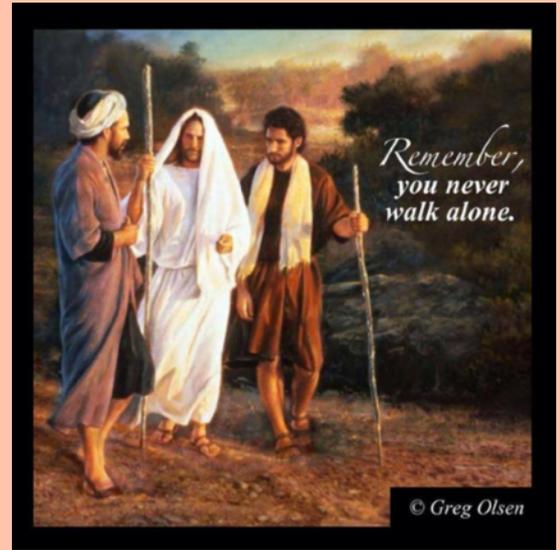
The **Unity** of the Movement depends on liaison relationships throughout the movement, especially with the Liaison Couples and the Base Teams. We thank the leadership of Teams for moving us forward so that we are able to transition and all work together to bring more **UNITY** to Teams.

WE ARE ALL ONE TEAM

From the Base Team to the Sector to the Region
to USA SuperRegion to International Team

TEAMS OF OUR LADY!

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“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suited to him.”

Gen 2:18

God himself is a community, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As couples in Teams, we have each other's support within our team, our sector, and our greater team community.

“We, in Teams, do not walk alone. At every level of the Movement, there is “liaison” and we support and encourage each other and work together.”

To view more and/or download the full newsletter, [Click Here](#)

Unity of the Movement and the Role of LIAISON COUPLES

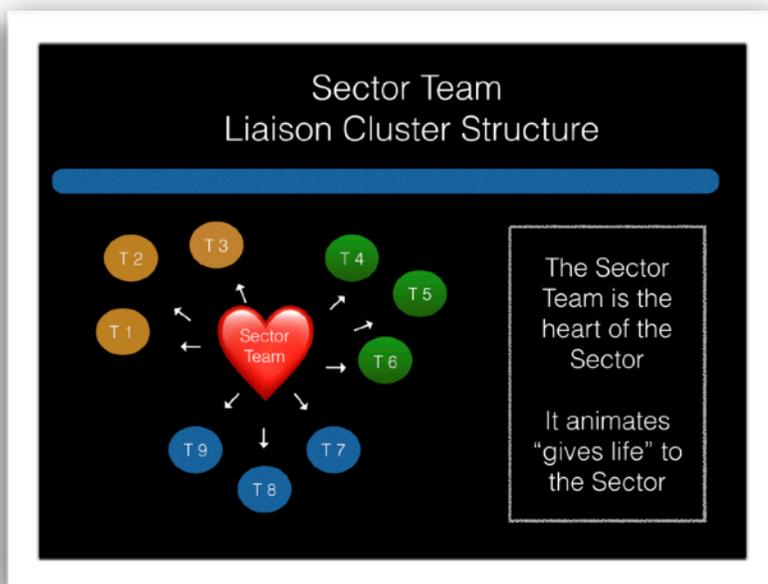
As you all know, the married couple is the foundation of Teams. All couples, **at all levels**, are united in their journey towards holiness—unity is paramount. We support and encourage each other to live Gospel lives, to fully receive the gifts of the sacrament of marriage, and deepen our Conjugal Spirituality. Liaison couples provide unity to the movement. Teams is a world-wide movement of Catholic married spirituality. We are not islands of spirituality but Teams of Teams.

There is unity and charism to Teams of Our Lady. Unity transcends the Movement from the individual couples, to respective teams and sectors, to regions, provinces, and to the international movement at large. We are all interconnected and dependent with each other.

We are One Team

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2



The Sector Team is the heart of the Sector
It animates "gives life" to the Sector

THREE IN ONE

These 3 meetings listed below will all take place on **Sept 16 at St John the Apostle Parish** as all teams in the NW Region incorporate the Sector Team and Liaison Couples into the structure of *Teams of Our Lady*, not only here at the local level but also throughout the US. We are in fact returning to our roots, the structure of Teams of Our Lady throughout the rest of the world which has existed from the very beginning with Father Caffarel.

RC TRAINING

This annual fall training will cover all the points that the Responsible Couples will need throughout their year of service to their team and the movement. The Sector Service Meeting will be gradually phased out this year with the additions of Liaisons assigned to each team.

SECTOR MEETING

The Sector Team comprises of the Sector, Liaison & Informational Couples, and other couples as needed to run the Sector. The Sector Couple’s function is one of coordination of the various needs of the Sector with the Sector Team providing the support.

CLUSTER MEETING

The Cluster Meeting consists of the Liaison Couple with the RCs of their assigned teams. Each Liaison Couple keeps in frequent contact with their assigned teams and meets with each team once a year.

Portland Sector A Summit



Couples attending the Summit, from back, left to right: Bernard & Julie Reksopuro, Mike and Lucynda Choi, Paul & Monique Harris, Brian & Yvonne Gill, Paul & Christine Roth, Mike & Peggy Flanigan, Lonnie & Jill Lafave, John & Maureen Clifford, Roger & Lynn Porzig, Monica Conrow, Rob & Sharla Walsh; front row: Deacon Chuck & Carol Amsberry, Gerard DeBlois, Martin and Ana Keim, Tim & Stephenie Curtiss



Couples from Sector A gathered together on June 25 at St Francis

Catholic Church in Sherwood for the very first Summit Gathering. The

primary purpose of the Summit was to encourage couples to assume leadership positions within the sector. Not only did couples learn about leadership in the Sector and the Teams Movement throughout the world, but also took time for some fun motivational, team building games. Childcare was provided during the event and the children enjoyed watching their favorite movies.

Christ, be
our Light,

Shine in
Our
Hearts,

Shine
through
the
darkness.

First Boise Retreat ~ May 26-29, 2017 ~ McCall, Idaho



TEAM
BOISE ID
01

Back row, from left to right: Jerel & Hailey Nelson, Anna & Nate Gamel, Jake & Yesenia Ineck, Sam & Allen Graefe,
Front row: Nick & Amanda LaMott, Peter & Katy Privon

Boise Team 01 had a wonderful group retreat to McCall, Idaho on Memorial Day weekend 2017. The retreat was set up on the long weekend to give the couples an opportunity to spend time getting to know each other in the days leading up to the retreat and after the retreat. There was some biking, hiking, trips to Ice Cream Alley, and of course the morning walks to the coffee shop. The retreat itself was held on the Monday (Memorial Day) and used Gary Chapman's 5 Love Languages as the retreat material. Typically recommended as a retreat on 2 evenings the timing for our group worked best to have a morning and afternoon session to cover the retreat material. We discussed the 5 Love Languages and spent the day focusing on how to apply the love languages to our marriages. "Many of us were shocked to find that our love languages have changed throughout the course of our marriage. It was also a good reminder to check in with each other regularly to see how full our love tanks are", said Katy Privon.

The Team all commented that we loved this kind environment where it's safe to focus on marriage with other Catholics in support. There was even a light hearted ice breaker between the two sessions followed by a 2 hour period for date lunch and time for each couple to reflect on the morning's material and have some time to check-in. In addition to the material provided by the retreat, the whole team spent the previous night all in one cabin sharing meals, relaxing, and getting to know each other outside of the monthly TOOL meeting.

In summary, the material was perfectly laid out for a first Teams retreat to be planned and executed by the team. The videos and material are easy to follow and provide a great opportunity for spouses to get to know each other on a deeper level and have actionable steps to take in improving their marriages. When was the last time you asked your spouse "On a scale of 1 being empty and 10 being full, how full is your love tank today?"

RETREATS

There are several options for team couples to fulfill their annual retreat endeavor:

- self-directed,
- retreat master directed,
- outside married couple retreat.

This Boise 01 team elected to do a self-directed retreat in McCall, Idaho focused on the Love Languages. Portland OR Sector B has also done self-directed retreats at the Griffin Center in Portland, where couples were also in charge of the meal preparation and clean-up.

Last year when Sector A planned their retreat they used a retreat master, as they've done in previous years, who provided the material and the theme for the retreat held at Queen of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, OR.

Mt Angel Abbey is a beautiful and inspiring place for either a private or directed retreats. This year Mt Angel Retreat Center is sponsoring a Marian Retreat on Oct 27-29 and an Advent Retreat on Dec 1-3. Please note, each retreat costs only \$302/ couple.

Teams of Our Lady Retreats need not solely be for Team couples but may also be opened up to Catholic married couples within the Archdiocese or Diocese. It provides the Movement an opportunity to evangelize the beauty of this ministry and encourage other married catholic couples and their families to center their lives on Christ.

Let Us Remember in Our Prayers...



-Tom Call, recently diagnosed with lung cancer, who will have surgery this Friday. Lord, please grant the doctors the wisdom they will need during the surgery;

-Jessie, who underwent surgery to relieve his back pain;

-Grandson, Eric, father of young girls who lost his job;

-Daughter-in-law, Kathy, who had her colon removed.

-Dave's mother in hospice, along with the Brost family;

-Moogie's cousin's family who are in very great need of prayer;

-Sally's sister who has cancer;

-Jerome, affected by several strokes; (Jerome and Mindy are both struggling with insufficient health care, finances and faith);

-Marie, who is in hospice.

Rest of the souls of:

-father of Dave Klaise;

-Arlene, sister of Theresa Schierman;

-Theresa, member of teams for over 40 years.

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

Heavenly Father,
You have created me to know, love, and serve you. Help me to desire what you desire for me. I pray that you send the Holy Spirit into my mind, my heart, and my soul, so that I will have the courage to follow you in all things. Mary, my Mother, help me to say 'Yes' to God's will as you did. Jesus, my Lord and Savior, help me to love as you love.

Amen

Excerpt from the Vocation Prayer from the Archdiocese of Portland



Message

from

Graça &
Roberto Rocha

We were called by the International Leading Team (ERI) to ensure the service of liaison for the America Zone and are delighted today to be able to give our testimony regarding this experience that we perceive to be a gift from the Lord.

This mission has enlarged the horizon of our faith and has become for us a "true school" of internationality. Within it, we have experienced the rich and complex diversity of Anglo-Saxon and Latin cultures. The main role of the Liaison Couple is to strengthen relationships between the various Super-Regions (Hispanic America, USA, Brazil), Regions (Canada Region) and the ERI.

- For the ERI, it is a way to learn about what the grassroots team members in these countries experience.

- For the countries, it is a means of informing them of ERI decisions and to fully understand them prior to adopting them.

Another aspect of this service concerns the interrelationships between the various levels of responsibility with a view to creating a sense of belonging to the Movement...

From now on our path leads us to Fatima in 2018. A place of pilgrimage and a privileged time to reflect, discern and... act. It is important that we all come together. in order to celebrate, from July 16th to 21st, the **Joy of the Gathering**.

Father Caffarel, intercede with God for us.

Graça & Roberto Rocha
Liaison Couple for the Americas



The letters from Father Henri CAFFAREL's book, "Being Present to God, Letters on Prayer", are being transcribed and submitted to the *Teams of Our Lady* website. Click [HERE](#) to view his letters.

(Courtesy of Rob & Sharla Walsh)