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TEAMS OF OUR LADY

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Upcoming EVENTS

Sector B Meeting- Jan 14, 2019
NW Regional Day - Feb 9, 2019

See details of both events on pages 3/4

Sector A Retreat- March 1-3, 2019
Our Lady of Peace, Beaverton
National Conference-July 16-19
Camp Allen, Navasota, TX

Province and College
Meeting
Sept 22 - 24, 2018
Turlock, CA



This was our first meeting with the couples from the Western Region and we were surrounded with love and hospitality. The couples exuberance for Teams was contagious and we learned much by sharing our struggles and joys with one another. As NW Regional Couple, we were glad to hear of the increased contributions and the updates made to be able to make contributions on the Teams of Our Lady website. Personally, we decided to schedule online monthly contributions instead of an annual check. Each Team Couple should receive in the mail, a contribution letter like the one pictured. If you haven't received it by the end of November, please let us know.

Roger & Lynn Porzig
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USA SUPER REGION
TEAMS OF OUR LADY

August 29, 2018

Dear Teams of Our Lady Family:

We want to THANK YOU for your generosity in contributing this past year to the Teams Movement in the United States. The number of couples contributing increased from less than 20% to 29%.

As you know, the Teams of Our Lady Charter sets out the responsibilities for each couple and specifically identifies the need "to give annually, by way of subscription the equivalent of one day's pay." Our annual expenses typically include website, printing materials, postage, translations, and primarily leadership training and travel. Another primary expense is the tribe assessed to each country by the international body (ERI) based on GNP and membership, to support the international movement around the world.

This year we are starting leadership meetings and trainings where all the Provinces (4) will meet with their Team (Regional Couples) and all their College (Sector Couples) and this process, as needed in the USA, will increase the costs for Teams. This process is in place at the ERI level and in the Super Regions worldwide.

Teams are accepting contributions in three different ways:

- 1) Through the Teams' website, www.teamsourlady.org/contributions which allows you to do one yearly contribution or to contribute monthly;
- 2) through bill pay;
- 3) Placing your contribution in an envelope and giving it to your RC/Sector Couple.

This year again, to propel our participation closer to 100 percent, Sector Couples will manage the annual contribution process. As part of these efforts, during a fall meeting your Responsible Couple will provide you with an envelope for your contribution. The sealed contributions will then be sent to the Sector Couple who will track, not the amount contributed, but rather the name of the couple participating (only the SR Responsible Couple and Secretariat will see your contribution). We emphasize here the importance of submitting an envelope even if your contribution is less than the recommended amount or if you give online or by Bill Pay. Note that cash contributions are not recommended or paying by one team check. Remember to note on your check or bill pay your Region, Sector, and Team number. The mailing address is: Teams of Our Lady, P.O. Box 1485, Turlock, CA 95381-1485.

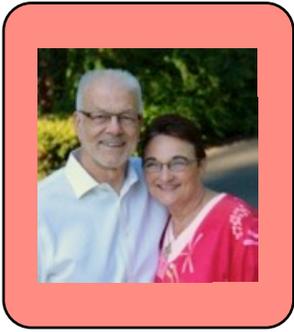
Please know that you and your teams are always in our prayers and Team members, both living and deceased, are remembered in a weekly Mass offered by the SR Spiritual Counselor. Father Calafati shared with us that "everything withers when prayer is missing." Your continued support will help the USA Super Region grow and continue the mission of Teams.

We remain in service to Christ through Mary.

Jorge & Noelia Sousa
US Super Region Responsible Couple

Steve & Glynis Sturm
Finance Couple





*Province and College Meeting
Sept 22 - 24, 2018
Turlock, CA*

This was somewhat of a new experience for Sharla and I, as we not only talked to our Sector Couples in the Northwest, but to the Sector Couples in the Western Region, all in one meeting! In attendance from the Northwest, joining the Western Region couples were: Roger and Lynn Porzig, Northwest Regional Couple, Harold and Ginny McNees, Sector B Couple, and Martin and Ana Keim, Sector A Couple, in addition to ourselves.

For a background on the size of our Province, we have two Regions: Western Region with eighty two Teams and the Northwest Region with twenty-five Teams. The Western Region was begun in 1981 and the Northwest Region was begun in 2010. Sharla and I were the first Regional Couple in the Northwest and were succeeded by Paul and Monique Harris and now they have been succeeded by Roger and Lynn Porzig. The Western Province has eleven states, however, we only have Teams in five of the eleven states.

The primary reason for our trip to this meeting was to forward to the Sector Couples, the information we received in Garrison, New York in February of this year, from the Super Regional Team, of which we are members. Sharla and I put together a complete overview of that meeting.

The secondary reason of this meeting was for Sharla and I to give a Liaison training to the Sector Couples in both the Western and Northwest Regions. Our purpose was to train the Sector Couples so that they would be able to train couples on their Sector Teams.

The third reason for our meeting, was to witness the installation of a new Sector Couple in the Western Region.

Your servants in Christ,
Rob and Sharla Walsh.
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Taking Marriage to the Depths of Love

SATURDAY, FEB 9
Holy Trinity Parish
Beaverton, OR

Infuses your relationship with the love God intended for your marriage from the beginning of time.



I encourage all couples to put into practice and to live in depth, with constancy and perseverance, the spirituality followed by the Équipes Notre Dame.

Pope Francis

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 9, 2019

SUPERABUNDANT JOY IN FEBRUARY

Choice Wine is based on the wedding feast at Cana where Jesus gives the couple superabundant, choice wine. Christ renews in the heart of the couple superabundant joy. Experience this superabundant joy by attending this event.

Teams of Our Lady is collaborating with the Marriage & Family Life office of the Archdiocese of Portland who are putting on this event at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish - Beaverton, OR. The day will conclude with a vigil Marriage Mass with Archbishop Sample.

What a fantastic way to bring joy into our marriage, as well as share Teams of Our Lady with couples in our region who may not know about Teams. This will serve as our Regional Day, so plan to have your whole Team participate. See you there!

*Roger & Lynn Porzig
Northwestern Regional Couple*

News from Sector A

Stay tuned.... Sector A news to come soon! Sector Meetings and events has been delayed due to Martin's many trips for work which have taken him away from home.

News from Sector B

A **Joint Sector Team Meeting Get-Together** has been scheduled for **Monday, January 14, 2019** from 7pm to 9pm at Christ the King Catholic Church located at 7414 SE Michael Dr, Milwaukie, OR 97222. All RCs, Pilot, Liaison, Informational, Prayer Couples, and the Regional Couple are encouraged to attend.

In October, eleven Teams couples located in Sector B attended a weekend retreat held at the Griffin Center in Milwaukie. The title of the retreat was "The Wild Goose". The Wild Goose was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. The series is based upon the 19th Chapter of Acts, St Paul meets a group of disciples who "have never heard of the Holy Spirit". Fr Dave Pivonka, TOR discussed each video which led all retreat attendants to reflect deeper on the love of the Holy Spirit for us. As Fr Pivonka described: "...The Holy Spirit is not merely something relegated to Confirmation but the Spirit desires a relationship with us that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable; a journey to the very Heart of God. The Holy Spirit desires to be present to us in a manner that brings light out of darkness, freedom out of bondage, order out of chaos and life out of death. Such is the power of the Wild Goose".

Please Note: Fr Pivonka is scheduled to speak about The Wild Goose in June 2019 at St. John the Apostle Church located in Oregon City. Mark your calendars!

*Harold & Ginny Mcnees
Portland OR Sector B*

News from Boise Teams



Wonderful news coming from Boise! There are 9 couples who are ready to join Teams, which will make 6 Teams in Boise! Amanda & Nick LaMott have consented to be the piloting couple for Boise 06.

Congrats to these couples on the birth of their babies!

Peter & Katy Privon, Boise 01

George Privon, Sept 20

Michael & Sterling Jaquith, Boise 03

Blaise Jaquith, Sept 6

Tony & Anna Swart, Boise 05

Beau Swart, born Oct 16

Celebrate!



Portland Sector A Anniversaries

October

Portland 1	Dea. Chuck & Carol Amsberry	Oct 1, 1988
Portland 7	Steve & Jen Mahoney	Oct 13, 2007
Portland 3	Andrew & Kristi Weber	Oct 20, 2001
Portland 8	Jim & Carissa Raleigh	Oct 25, 2003

November

Portland 2	Robert & Mary Gonzales	Nov 4, 1989
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December

Portland 3	Jason & Alicia Stadelman	Dec 12, 2015
Portland 2	Mike & Dede Grosso	Dec 17, 1994
Portland 5	Martin and Ana Keim	Dec 21, 2002
Portland 1	Mike & Peggy Flanigan	Dec 21, 1985

January

Portland 7	Bernard & Julie Reksopuro	Jan 31, 2004
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Portland OR Sector B

October

Oregon City 3	Ryan & Kristin Lillie	Oct 9, 2004
Gresham 02	Chuck & Michelle Craver	Oct 10, 1987
Oregon City 5	Dennis & Louisa Mayers	Oct 12, 2012
Oregon City 5	Chris & Nichole Blair	Oct 19, 2000
Redmond 01	Ron & Donna Jensen	Oct 23, 1999
West Linn 02	Julian & Sally Cangelosi	Oct 24, 1998
Gresham 02	Scott & Janet Rathbone	Oct 25, 1980

November

Redmond 01	Jim & Connie Busse	Nov 21, 1964
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December

Oregon City 5	Ken Bakondi & Monica Eischen	Dec 12, 2012
Oregon City 3	Tim & Shuana Woodward	Dec 23, 1998
Oregon City 1	Harold & Ginny McNeese	Dec 31, 2003
Coeur d'Alene 1	Charlie and Peggy Hodge	Dec 30, 2000

January

Coeur d'Alene 4	Wayne & Michelle Hash	Jan 3, 1998
Oregon City 02	Mike & Mamie Dec	Jan 23, 1971
Redmond 01	Rob & Sharla Walsh	Jan 11, 1969

Congrats to Chris & Nichole Blair, Oregon City 05 on the birth of their baby boy,

MacLean Augustine Blair, Oct 7

Boise ID Pre-Sector Sector

October

Boise 01	Sam & Allen Graefe	Oct 8, 2016
Boise 04	Dave & Peggy Jones	Oct 19, 1985
Boise 03	Kayla and Derek Hudson	Oct 19, 2013
Boise 04	Jan & Ed Camp	Oct 30, 1987

November

Boise 05	Greg & Laura Franz	Nov 11, 2017
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Come Holy Spirit

“The Holy Spirit is the True Hope of the world.”
Pope St. John Paul II



Portland Sector B Retreat
Oct 19-21

“The Wild Goose”

Harold & Ginny Mcnees, Roger & Lynn Porzig,
Scott & Christine Zettenburg, Fr. Theo Lange,
Bill & Doris Allen, Mike & Mamie Dec, Tom &
Sara Meier, Dave & Pat Bredemann, Bob
Wendling & Char Lang, Bob & Ann Gilmore,
Paul & Monique Harris



The Holy Spirit is very much like a Wild Goose, appearing in ways and places we do not expect or anticipate, taking us for a ride if we are open to the journey. Our retreat examined the different routes of our journey with the Holy Spirit through a series of videos produced by the Franciscan Friars of Sacred Heart Province, ([The Wild Goose Segments](#)), from looking at Mary’s example in saying Yes, the Baptism in the Spirit & Fire, Fruits of the Holy Spirit, to the role of the Spirit in the Desert of our lives, plus others, all to design to help us develop a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Taking time for prayer in our daily lives is important to guide us and allow the Holy Spirit to enter into our lives. So included in our retreat program was a planned activity of “How to Make a Sacred Place in Your Home”. Set aside a special place in your home for prayer. Set a beautiful linen cloth, religious icon, crucifix, prayer cards, along with your bible on a table or designed shelf. Light a candle and you have created a sacred spot in your home for prayer.

Planning this retreat has given our Team a deep sense of gratitude for the gifts and talents each one has brought to the retreat and given freely. Together with gifts which the Holy Spirit has bestowed on us, we were able to do so much more than we could do alone. We are especially grateful for the Fr Theo Lange’s contribution with his talk, his prayers, his presence at the retreat in all aspects, and in particular, Eucharistic Benediction and Laying on Hands, invoking the Holy Spirit upon each couple. We are indeed blest!



Char Lang, Pat Bredemann, Harold & Ginny McNees at the registration desk



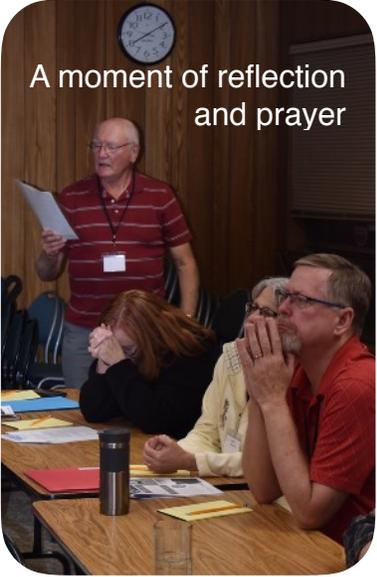
Time for Camaraderie
Friday evening
social & pizza dinner



Giving thanks



Pray that your relationship with the Holy Spirit would produce abundant fruit.



A moment of reflection and prayer

The fruits are signs or manifestations that our life is being transformed or perfected by God.

CCC 1832



Saturday - a very special dinner



Creating Sacred Spaces



Come Holy Spirit - Finding Joy

The Holy Spirit brings renewal, new life, new creation and lots of moments of conversion. Hearts are renewed with the fire of divine love. The message in scripture was to always be joyful. The Holy Spirit elevates and reinvigorates us, is alive and helping us to form virtue. The role of the Holy Spirit is to help us obtain happiness and joy in our lives.

St Paul, Romans 5:3-5, explains in what ways the Holy Spirit was active in his own experience and in that of the early church. The Holy Spirit gave them strength to persevere, in which there was a transformation in all their lives. They became more resilient and steadfast in their faith, exuding much joy, happiness, trust, and exhibiting their faith in a deeper sense. They kept blessings of God before their eyes, with a profound optimism, rooted in faith.

Does scripture teach us the joy of heart in our faith? Rejoice and joy is mentioned 79 times in the New Testament! For couples, a good start would be to make a good confession, then from which virtue flows. It is then natural that we act in a way that we all go forth joyful. Cultivate joy, which comes from within in our Christian lives.

Where is the Holy Spirit in our life? Jesus brings us to the Holy Spirit. God brought us into a communal relationship and the Holy Spirit renews our sense of joy. In marriage, thank God and be grateful for gift of your spouse. How much more healing is there when that happens, which renews all aspects of your life. In Luke, Elizabeth has an encounter with Mary. Fr. Theo wondered how did John in the womb leaped for joy? Elizabeth was infused with the Holy Spirit and with knowledge which the Lord made known to her.

Jesus does bring joy to your marriage. How? Through the forgiveness of sins. Holding resentment is a joy killer, which Satan uses to destroy marriages. With forgiveness comes new life. Fr. Theo encouraged couples to focus on present moment and to pray over minor blessings. Jesus rejoices in the spirit because your names are written in heaven. Lay hands on your spouse, pray "Come Holy Spirit, fill my spouse, renew our hearts, give us peace." Early Christians also heard the message from the Holy Spirit, first at Pentecost, where each heard the disciples preach in their native language, and then we read about the Holy Spirit and the joy he brings into the disciples' lives numerous times in scripture.

God has a plan that can be full of joy and He invites us to a new way of being. We have the freedom to say "yes" or "no". God is always faithful and inspires and invites us to pray. The path to Christ, Jesus our Lord, is through invoking the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a constant source of energy and our names written in heaven with the good will of the Holy Spirit which saves people. Can we lose salvation? Yes, but just look at writings of the saints, who turned away from sin. The Holy Spirit can move us to take action.



Fr. Theo Lange



"...we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

Romans 5:3-5

Let Us Remember in Our Prayers...



-Brady, son of Dave & Debbie, in critical care from an ATV accident; pray for healing and peace through this ordeal for all the family;

-Mary Catherine, treated for cancer;

-Niece of couple in NW Region with severe injuries from accident. Please pray for strength in the face of very difficult circumstances;

-Duke with one leg amputated and gangrene in the other. It is getting progressively worse in spite of treatment with antibiotics. We are hoping he can receive more aggressive treatment;

-"Baby Rogan" for a speedy recovery to his breathing problems;

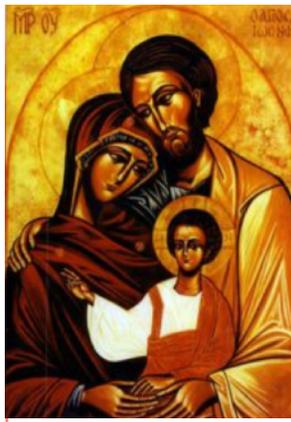
-Happy repose of the soul of Theresa (my sister), who died last Wednesday, 10/3, after dealing with end-stage renal failure & dialysis for over 20 years! She fought the good fight to see her 2 sons into adulthood & we pray that the Lord will receive her into His Kingdom;

-Safety for all who are in the path of this monster hurricane (Michael) and especially my (other) sister, Maryanne & her family, who reside in Tallahassee, FL;

-Alan who was recently diagnosed with a sarcoma cancer in his hip and lungs. Alan and Mimi are members of a Team in the Houston Sector;

-sister of Frannie Fangman, Sister Pia in Africa as she has contracted malaria and pneumonia;

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.



Prayers for Brady's full Recovery

We ask all of the Teams in the Northwest Region to join us in praying the following intercessory prayer for the complete recovery of Brady.

God, our Father, You planted deep in the heart of your servant, Henri Caffarel, a fountain of love which bound him totally to your Son and inspired him with a wonderful capacity to speak of Him. A prophet for our time, he revealed the dignity and beauty of the vocation of every person in the words of Jesus addresses to each us: "Come follow me". He made couples enthusiastic about the greatness of the sacrament of marriage, the sign of Christ's fruitful love for the Church and His union with her. He showed that priests and couples are called to live a vocation of love. He was a guide to widows: love is stronger than death. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, he accompanied many Christians on the path of prayer. Seized by a devouring fire, he was a dwelling place for you, Lord.

God, our Father, through the intercession of Our Lady, we ask you to hasten the day when the Church will proclaim the holiness of his life, so that people everywhere will discover the joy of following your Son in accordance with their particular vocations in the Holy Spirit.

God our Father, we invoke the intercession of Father Caffarel for Brady that he may make a full recovery to health and a life in you.

Thank you.

*Roger & Lynn Porzig
Northwest Regional Couple*

Please note: On August 14th, 2018 –the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady –a baby crawled outdoors of his home and fell into the backyard swimming pool. He was underwater for nine minutes. As the family searched frantically to find him, a neighbor discovered the child at the bottom of the pool. The child was taken to the hospital. The baby was revived. Subsequently, doctors ordered not one but two MRIs to determine the damaging effects of the near-fatal drowning. Miraculously, the MRIs revealed there was no brain damage nor any organ damage. The baby was miraculously healed. The important part of this event was the sheer volume of intercessory prayers that went forth in the predominately Portuguese community which was comprised mostly of Teams couples. This incident proved to be the second of two miracles necessary for canonization. God Bless Fr. Henri Caffarel's intercession.

"At the time of prayer may all discord cease and may peace be reestablished. May husband and wife renew their faith in the covenant which Christ has made with them."

Fr. Henri Caffarel