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# TEAMS OF OUR LADY

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*Upcoming*

## EVENTS

Portland OR Sector B Retreat  
Oct 19-21, 2018  
Griffin Center

International Conference  
July 16-21, 2018  
Fatima

National Conference  
July 16-19, 2019  
Navasota, TX

### Introducing Northwestern Region Leadership Team:

**NW Regional Couple, Roger & Lynn Porzig**  
**Portland OR Sector A Couple, Martin & Ana Keim**  
**Portland OR Sector B, Harold & Ginny McNeas**



Mount Angel Abbey... What a magnificent venue for a retreat and ceremonies to reflect the passing on of the old to the new leadership of *Teams of Our Lady*! A beautiful candlelight ceremony and passing on of framed Holy

Family icons signified the change of leadership during the ceremony on Sunday. On Saturday April 21st Gerard and Anna DeBlois received a token of appreciation of their service to *Teams of Our Lady* with an icon of Our Blessed Mother and Child. Likewise, on Sunday both our SuperRegional couple Jorge and Noélia Sousa and our Provincial Couple Rob and Sharla Walsh showed their appreciation of service to the Team movement to Paul & Monique Harris with a generous financial gift representing all team couples and a framed photo of the Holy Family. To conclude the ceremony, Deacon Chuck Amsberry blessed the couples taking on leadership positions in the Northwestern Region. May the Holy Spirit guide them, the Holy Family inspire them, and our Lord keep watch over them!



## Mount Angel Abbey Portland Sector A Teams of Our Lady Retreat



Mount Angel Abbey- not only a serene and peaceful venue for a retreat but also a site where all experienced the gracious Benedictine hospitality, as many have done throughout the ages. Pam and Brother Gregory greeted each couple Friday afternoon as they checked in at the Retreat House. Team Portland 08 ensured that all our needs were met and nothing was overlooked. Due to the well publicized efforts to reach all within the Archdiocese of Portland, this retreat was fully booked, with 37 couples in attendance.

The speakers included Msgr. Betschart on Friday evening, Fr. Tim Furlow on Saturday morning, Nancy Franz Saturday afternoon, followed by Fr. Odo Recker and Fr. Paul Thomas. The evening activities included a glass mosaic project with Bill Zuelke and Abbey Beer Tasting with Fr. Martin Grassel, OSB.



## News from Sector A



Our deep gratitude and appreciation go out to all on Portland 08 for the fantastic retreat at Mount Angel Abbey! It was truly one of a kind, an inspirational retreat! Our thanks especially to Maurissa Fisher, who is the Abbey Relations Officer at Mount Angel Abbey. She had made the request last year if it would be possible to move the retreat.

We cannot also forget to mention all the staff at Mt Angel who did a magnificent job, from the catering staff to all the monks and priests at Mount Angel... the atmosphere of prayer and the serenity of the monastery provided the venue for an exceptional retreat!

## News from Sector B



Pete and Lee Baur, Gresham 02, hosted a Wine and Cheese Social event at St Joseph the Worker following the 5 pm mass on Saturday, May 5, to promote *Teams of Our Lady* at their parish. Pete and Lee are one of several new Informational Couples in Portland Sector B who are now ready to be the voice of Teams in their parishes and communities. Let us welcome these couples in their new roles as Informational Couples in Portland Sector B!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW INFORMATIONAL COUPLES

**Steve and Lora Heli, Canby 01**  
**Pete and Lee Baur, Gresham 02**  
**Michael and Katie Gray, Oregon City 04**  
**Paul and Jodie Saldanha, West Linn 02**

## News from Boise Pre-Sector



Our congrats go out to Joe and Jessica Bruce, Boise 03 on the birth of their baby boy, Wesley Bruce on April 3rd!

All Boise Team Couples are invited to attend the First *Teams of Our Lady* Family Potluck Thursday, June 21st, 6 - 9 pm. Watch for upcoming details, along with the food signups in an upcoming email from Jake & Yesenia Ineck.

## Celebrate!



### Portland Sector A Anniversaries

#### May

Portland 01	Dave & Theresa Schierman	May 23, 1970
Portland 05	Chet & Kristen Mehta	May 24, 2003
Salem 01	Pat & Mary Sangster	May 26, 2007
Salem 01	Manuel & Faith Dauvin	May 31, 1999

#### June

Portland 03	Enrique & Christy Trujillo	Jun 11, 2005
Portland 01	Fr Richard Rossman	Jun 12, 1971
Portland 08	Todd & Mary Beth	Jun 27, 1998

#### July

Portland 08	Nick & Maurissa Fisher	Jul 5, 2003
Portland 02	Derek & Monica Conrow	Jul 10, 1999
Portland 08	Jason & Gia Waugh	Jul 11, 2003
Portland 04	Tom & Cecelia Cook	Jul 13, 1991

### Portland Sector B Anniversaries

#### 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
Coeur d'Alene 1	Ben & Kayla Wilson	May 20, 2011
Coeur d'Alene 4	Rod & Kristi Asburry	May 21, 1983

#### 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
Oregon City 03	Craig & Andrea Heffernan	Jun 26, 2004

#### 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
Coeur d'Alene 1	Rho & Jill Zaragoza	Jul 6, 1996
Oregon City 03	Robert & Christine Lippi	Jul 9, 1988
Oregon City 03	Sean & Lauren Fuller	Jul 17, 2004

### Boise Pre-Sector Anniversaries

#### 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 04	Wade & Nicki Carlson	Jun 14, 1991
Boise 03	Lydia and Leon Rubalcava	Jun 22, 2012

#### July

Boise 04	Cory & Sharon Hawkins	Jul 5, 1981
Boise 05	Anna & Tony Swart	Jul 5, 2014
Boise 04	Victor & Nicole Sanchez	Jul 7, 1998
Boise 04	Eric & Erica Stadler	Jul 7, 2012
Boise 01	Jerel & Hailey Nelson	Jul 19, 2013
Boise 05	Jon & Carlie Lausen	Jul 21, 2012
Boise 01	Jake & Yesenia Ineck	Jul 25, 2008

## Fr. Tim Furlow ~ The Spouse as Spiritual Director



*Learn to be docile, in order to become a saint.*

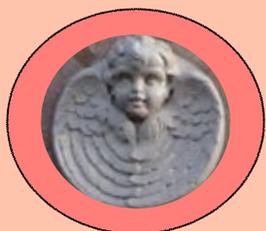
*Start small when beginning together with daily prayer.*

*Pray every day, like you're in an elevator in which the cable just broke.*

*Care more about your spouse's salvation than your own.*

*There is a certain joy when you love somebody and you help them become who they actually are.*

*Get serious about pursuing virtue.*



Marriage is not easy, it is hard, and thus it is absolutely necessary that each spouse acts as a spiritual director for the other. This can be fun. The

first stage of your relationship and marriage is falling in love, along with the honeymoon, of which the purpose is to seal the bond. In our relationship with our spouse, we are to help our spouse to become a saint and to become whom they are meant to be.

The purpose of the second stage is to call us deeper into our relationship. Life gets interesting, people misinterpret each other, and arguments develop. Couples may let their conflicts evolve into discord and make the feeling of being right more important than the person they married. Take turns to be right and let conflict be an opportunity to make your marriage stronger. God is not going to remove conflict. Each one of us is patterned after God and we should focus on each other when we love someone. When that happens, there is a total outpouring of the Holy Spirit to the other, and the Trinity is there with you.

The key is to recognize God can do anything through anyone. God makes good our defects. Here are some practical guidelines, in beginning the process of being a spiritual director for your spouse:

- 1- Make decisions together- Mutually decide on important items and to be a spiritual director for each other.
- 2- Trust your spouse to be your spiritual guide, to accept their help and share your most intimate thoughts and on the deepest spiritual matters.
- 3- Decide to address issues that you are not facing. The enemy in your relationship is to ignore these issues, which is a form of apathy; go deeper into your relationship together.
- 4- Note struggles and strengths- Write them down in order to see the pattern of woundedness, which drives behavior- be brutally honest with yourselves, so that you can share your thoughts and concerns. That which isn't healed, is communicated and transmitted to our spouse and family members thus weakens the relationships.

Focusing out makes us want to be compassionate. It helps others thrive. Get serious about pursuing virtue. Guide your spouse- after all, you want the best for them. Try to see how much we desire to do that, so they can obtain heaven.



Msgr. Beschart speaking with Julie & Mark Wagner, Deacon Chuck Amsberry and Denise Tomasovic

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and two shall become one flesh to him.”

*Eph 5:31-33*

Bible footnotes:

The apostle exhorts married Christians to a strong mutual love. Holding with [Gn 2:24](#) that marriage is a divine institution ([Eph 5:31](#)), Paul sees Christian marriage as taking on a new meaning symbolic of the intimate relationship of love between Christ and the church. The wife should serve her husband in the same spirit as that of the church’s service to Christ ([Eph 5:22, 24](#)), and the husband should care for his wife with the devotion of Christ to the church ([Eph 5:25–30](#)). Paul gives to the Genesis passage its highest meaning in the light of the union of Christ and the church, of which Christlike loyalty and devotion in Christian marriage are a clear reflection.

# The Living the Sacrament of Marriage for the Life of the World



To love and to cherish until death do us part

Msgr. Joseph Betschart examined the vows of marriage, in which couples exchange on their wedding day and the scripture readings from Ephesians Chapter 5:21-32. He compared marriage to the priestly dimension. In fact, he was deeply moved in realizing that married life reflects the liturgy and priest’s function in several ways. The couple also called by Christ and through the fruits of the Holy Spirit, produces good works. All which is done within the family, be it their day to day work, their struggles, even their times of physical and mental relaxation, is carried on with patient love, which become “spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God” and thus may be offered during the celebration of the Eucharist during Mass. Spousal love forces us to grow in generosity and charity, more than what we would do on our own. Each family radiates God’s kingdom on earth.



Fr. Paul Thomas reviewing “The Order of the Blessing Upon Married Couples Within Mass” with Jorge and Noélia Sousa. Fr. Paul does canon law, teaches marriage law and the theology of marriage at Mount Angel Abbey.

## The Cardinal Virtues in Marriage ~ Mary Jo Franz

Truly listening is a gift of love.  Pay attention to each other. Listening requires lots of quiet time. Bringing in all the mysteries, prayers, and novenas, helps to heal ourselves as individuals. The cardinal virtues are an act of the will, to apply in our lives and give the best of ourselves. The Church gives many opportunities to love God within and outside our marriages. Habits and priorities get us to where we need to go. When we really get to know the other person, we can do what we need to help them get to heaven. Finally, temperance, restraint, and patience, all require humility and results in true intimacy.



MaryJo Franz, Catholic therapist

MaryJo’s best decision was to become Catholic, which totally changed her life.

“Those couples who pray together have a 0.5% divorce rate.”



Bill Zuelke, giving a little of his background and love of working with colored glass to help couples produce mosaics



# The Provincial Team Meeting April 15, 2018



Left to right:

Roger and Lynn Porzig, Rob and Sharla Walsh, Gay and Tom Locke  
Home of Rob and Sharla Walsh

“In Baptism we share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, section 1269, states: “Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to Him who died and rose for us. From now on he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church.” God calls each of us to be His instrument, His “anointed one”, in helping to build up His kingdom and minister to His people. “

We discussed all of the information that was shared at the Super Regional Team Meeting in Garrison, NY, in February of 2018.

In addition, we have scheduled a Provincial and College meeting for September 22, 2018, in Turlock, California. At this meeting, we will have a presentation and training for Liaison Couples for both Regions. Tom and Gay Locke, the Regional Couple for the Western Region will be assisting us in organizing the event. At the same time, we will be discussing the Sector Team and the "Association of Friends of Fr. Caffarel". We will have the two new Sector Couples from the Northwest Region, Harold and Ginny McNees and Martin and Anna Keim joining the Sector Couples from the Western Region.

*Rob & Sharla Walsh*  
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Roger and Lynn Porzig receiving the Blessed candle and framed Holy Family from Rob and Sharla Walsh, 4-22-2018

It was a great leap of faith that caused us to say yes to being the next Northwest Regional Couple. We had so many questions both about our ability to be effective and what was involved in this leadership position. Attending this meeting answered many of our questions. We were warmly welcomed and appreciative of the Walsh's and Locke's support. We are glad to share leadership with good people with great intentions for Teams.

*Cheers,*  
*Roger & Lynn Porzig*  
*Peace be with you*  
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Father José Jacinto Ferreira de Farias

*After these past six long years in the service of the Movement as Spiritual Counsellor to the International Leading Team, I too am invited to "learn to take my leave."*



*Our charisma and mission as a Movement are in and of themselves inexhaustible, despite the simplicity and clarity of their aim: helping couples to progress along the path of holiness.*



### General Theme of Fatima 2018 Reconciliation, a Sign of Love

"Let us be spurred on by the signs of holiness that the Lord shows us through the humblest members of that people."

*Gaudete and Exultate, 8*

*To e Zé Moura Soares  
Couple Responsible for ERI*

As members of Teams of Our Lady, our mission consists of proclaiming that this ideal of Christian marriage, as a path to holiness, is not the exclusive property of Catholics. We have no entitlement. We are sent, as Pope Francis asked, to bear witness to the fact that the Christian manner of living marriage corresponds to what all people desire in the depths of their hearts, and that consequently, it is a path of joy and happiness for people today.

We all recognize that "*the constant fulfillment of the duties (of marriage) demands notable virtue*" (GS 49), indeed a high degree of heroism. And yet, far be it from us to have any ambition to present ourselves as heroes. The disciples statement applies also to us, "*If that is how things are between husband and wife, it is better not to marry.*" (Mt 19:10) But Jesus' answer is equally valid, "*With men this is impossible, but for God all things are possible.*" (Mt 19:26) In order for this impossibility to become possible, our Movement offers us the means to help us obtain it, the Endeavors, and I would insist particularly on the importance of couple prayer and the Sit-Down.

Throughout this year of preparation for Fatima, let us ask Our Lady for the grace to be faithful to our charism and our mission, and that she intercedes for us, now and at the hour of our death, the two great decisive moments in our life. She always shows us the right path to follow, what we ought to do, like with the servants at the Marriage at Cana, "*Do whatever he tells you.*" (Jn 2:5) And then we will savor the *new wine* of the goodness and holiness of marriage as a source of happiness and hope for the Church and for today's world.

I invoke God's most abundant graces and blessings for you and your families,

***Father José Jacinto Ferreira de Farias, SCJ***  
***Spiritual Counselor to the International Leading Team***

## Let Us Remember in Our Prayers...



-for the entire teams community in Mexico. Three members who were traveling to the city of Guadalajara for training had a fatal car accident. Others are hospitalized, some in serious condition. We are in prayer union for those couples who were at the service of the movement and worked for conjugal spirituality. We also carry in our prayers the injured team and all the families affected by this tragedy;

-for a full and speedy recovery for Dave, Tarpon Spring 02, FL, who recently suffered a stroke;

-for Denise, the niece of Eileen and Ted Kosnik, who has just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Ted and Eileen were the SuperRegional Couple from 2008-2013.

-for our son, who has been battling ulcerative colitis;

-for accurate diagnosis, treatment and recovery for Russ, Lenny, Dave, Connie & Dorothy;

--for young fellow suffering from schizophrenia;

-for our neighbor Mark who is very ill;

-for my 23 year old nephew was found dead in his bed at 2 a.m. this morning. My brother is terminally ill with bone cancer. The family is devastated. We prayed for him in Fatima in 2015. And he started going to Mass that week; has never stopped. Please pray for his soul and for our family. My brother is a single parent; 2 daughters and a grandchild remain. Our deepest gratitude and prayers of comfort for Rich and Dakota and Sage. Your prayers are so powerful! Maggie and Miguel;

-for baby Kinsley in Children's hospital, dehydrated and not holding fluids;

-for two cancer patients who passed away, each with Teams of Our Lady family members, Terese and Rosie;

-for the repose of the soul of Msgr. Donald;

-for the repose of the soul of Teresa, who has been our prayers most recently;

-for Prayers also for Jim and his family, and for the repose of the soul of Joyce, his wife;

-for Ed's sister is dying of COPD. Please pray for her and her family;

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

## Fr. Henri Caffarel

**"In order to hear, perhaps we need to start by listening."** *Fr Henri Caffarel*

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 of our time, he revealed the dignity and beauty of the vocation of every person in the words Jesus addresses to each of 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 of His union with her. He showed that priest 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 vocation in the Holy Spirit.

God our Father, we invoke the intercession of Father Caffarel for all our couples within our Northwestern Region, to support them in all that they do and for all their prayer intentions.