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TEAMS OF OUR LADY

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Upcoming EVENTS

Marriage Day Mass - February 9
 St Mary Cathedral, Portland

Special Team Meeting : February 25
 Please take a team selfie at your meeting and email it along with any feedback to:
Northwest-RC@teamsfourlady.org

Sector A Retreat- March 1-3
 Our Lady of Peace, Beaverton

National Conference July 16-19

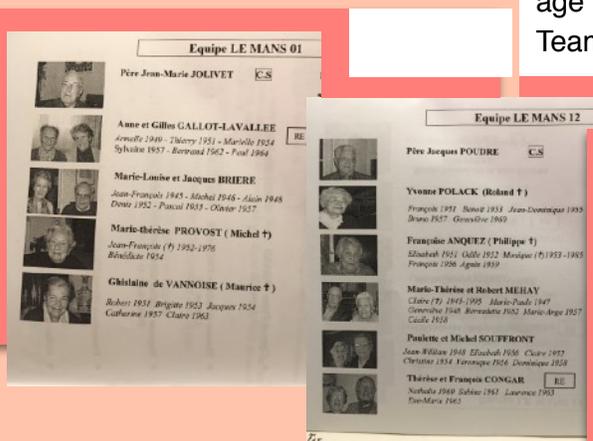
THE FIRST TEAM MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 1939



In 1938, a young married woman, Madeleine d'Heilly, approached Fr. Henri Caffarel to ask him for recommendations on how she and her husband, Gerard, an engineer, both in their 20's, could live the Catholic faith in their marriage. Madeleine and Gerard invited three other couples to join them. These four couples, together with Fr. Henri Caffarel, had their first meeting February 25, 1939 and began the journey which has become The Teams of Our Lady.

Coincidentally, Monique Harris has a dear family friend who has experienced first-hand the birth of *Teams of Our Lady* in France. Mme. Yvonne Polack, age 95 was on Le Mans 12 Team. She is the sole remaining member of her Team, joyous and vibrant, eager to share her knowledge of Teams with us.

She now meets with Anne Gallot-Lavallee, from Le Mans 01 Team, who joined Teams in 1945 and who also invited her and her husband Roland to join Teams! She spoke with admiration and love for Fr. Henri Caffarel, whom she knew first hand, of the importance of the sit down and of having a spiritual counselor for guidance on church matters and spiritual topics. She said, "How blest we all are to be part of this wonderful ministry!"



Here are 2 pages from the 2009 Sector roster for the region of Sarthe in France.

We are thrilled with the goings-on in the NW Region. There are many 'firsts':

- A first-time joint Sector Team Meeting with training for Information Couples and Liaison Couples, with more training to come. The Sector Team trainings will help us grow in a more organized and efficient manner.
- A first-time 'special' Team Meeting celebrating the 80th anniversary of THE first Team Meeting.
- The first new books for Piloting were sent to Redmond, OR.
- The Teams National Conference in July 16-19, 2019 will be our personal first - maybe it will be a first for you, too?

You all help to promote Teams of Our Lady by being a Team Couple. Thank you for your witness to living out our Endeavors and growing in love.

*Terminology Reminder: TOOL is out and **TEAMS** is in, GO TEAMS!

*Roger & Lynn Porzig
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O SPIRIT COME

May the love of your Holy Spirit direct our hearts and our lips

O SPIRIT COME

Let us, then, make it our aim to work for peace and to strengthen one another

O SPIRIT COME

Pour out your Spirit on us so that our lives may bear fruit abundantly

O SPIRIT COME

Grant us the spirit of humble service to all people

O SPIRIT COME

May our lives mirror our love for you

O SPIRIT COME

As the endeavors deepen our spiritual lives, may we grow in holiness

O SPIRIT COME

Today, let us encourage each other

O SPIRIT COME

AMEN

O SPIRIT COME is a compilation of the prayers we have been praying for all Team couples and each Team in our NW Region over the past three months. Please know we pray for you daily and we ask that you pray for us.

January 14, 2019

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Joint Sectors A & B Meeting

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Liaison & Information Couples

Celebrate!



Portland Sector A Anniversaries

January

Portland 07 Bernard & Julie Reksopuro Jan 31, 2004

February

Portland 03 Gene & Sharon Climer Feb 10, 1996

March

Portland 01 Scott & Janie Selby Mar 28, 1981

April

Portland 01 Steve & Leslie Rainey April 21, 1979
Portland 03 John & Sandy Shepherd April 21, 1990

Portland Sector B Anniversaries

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

February

Oregon City 01 Tom & Kathy Call Feb 2, 1974
Coeur d'Alene 4 Marc & Susan Andrews Feb 18, 1990
Coeur d'Alene 4 Jim & Staci Sanborn Feb 20, 1999

April

Gresham 02 Jim & Sylvia Boyce Apr 1, 1967
West Linn 01 Joe & Jill Mohr Apr 16, 1983
West Linn 02 Dan & Anne Zieldorf Apr 18, 1969
Oregon City 04 Daniel & Julie Bennett Apr 25, 2003
Canby 01 Joe & Jody Paterhall Apr 26, 1997
Gresham 02 Peter & Lee Baur Apr 27, 1996
Coeur d'Alene 4 Kevin & Angela Tuuri Apr 27, 1985

Boise Pre-Sector Anniversaries

February

Boise 02 Lori & Todd Meyer Feb 4, 2007



Sector Couples Martin & Ana Keim, Harold and Ginny McNees, unite to hold training for Liaison and Informational Couples.

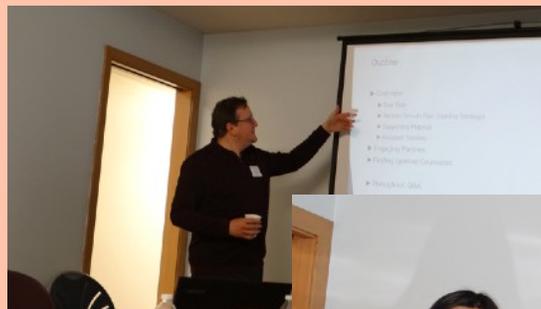
Representing Sector A:

- Deacon Chuck & Carol Amsberry, IC
- Robert & Mary Gonzales, LC
- Paul & Christine Roth, IC
- Bob & Denise Tomasovic, LC

Sector B: Pete & Lee Baur, IC

- David & Pat Bredemann, LC
- Paul & Jodie Saldanha, IC

Roger and Lynn Porzig, our Regional Couple, greeted us at Christ the King Parish in Milwaukie with a beautiful welcoming address. Harold and Ginny McNees, Sector Couple for Portland B, lead the breakout session for the Liaison Couples while Martin and Ana Keim, Sector Couple for Portland A, lead the Information Couples session.



Calling all couples...

Spread the good news of Teams!

Volunteer to be on your

SECTOR TEAM...

They need YOU!

Summary of the Information Couples Training

Action Plan for 2019 and 2020

Paul and Christine Roth, the Information Couple Lead for Portland Sector A opened the training session with an excellent 10 minutes overview of the role of the Information Couple (IC) and outlined the Information Session. In short, the purpose of the IC is

- to share excitement about Teams and what it has done for our marriage & family
- to tell about the movement
- to explain how the meeting is conducted
- to invite couples to join

Martin and Ana then expanded from there and laid out the 2019 action plan for the ICs and gave a glimpse into 2020 ideas. These action plans for 2019 and 2020 were the result of many our discussions between both Sector Couples, the Information Couples Lead, Paul and Christine Roth, and many advisers from the regional and provincial leadership. We also took into consideration that the Sector Team is a new idea for all of us, and many that serve on the Sector Team have not yet had the experience for their respective role.

What we want to accomplish in 2019 is to strengthen our base, growing from the inside out. We do not want to engage in the periphery of our sectors, creating new teams, while several of our existing Teams are low in numbers. Some of our teams have only 4 couples, some even fewer. Strengthening our existing Teams is where our focus must be for 2019. To this end, we must be very visible in each and every parish where we have at least one couple of Teams of Our Lady. The ICs are asked therefore to engage these parishes in coordination with the IC Lead Couple:

- Introducing Teams of Our Lady to the parish priest and administrators
- Displaying our flyers and keeping our trifold well-stocked
- Getting the permission for information sessions in the parish, advertising the sessions, and of course running multiple such sessions

While engaging such parishes, we will need your support. For example providing the ICs with contacts, assisting in the Information Session, as well as the advertisement in the parish leading up to it. It is invaluable to have the parishioners see one of their own talking about an exciting movement and how it helped them grow stronger in faith as a married couple. Thank you all in advance for your critical support of our ICs in their mission to strengthen our movement.

Then in 2020, we plan to target parishes that do not yet have couples in Teams of Our Lady, possibly growing the number of teams in the sectors.

Spiritual Counselors are yet another need for all Teams in both sectors. We only have one! While engaging with a parish, the IC may sense that there's a possibility to invite the priest ... Another idea shared was who we ask to become a Spiritual Counselors : Vicars, Deacons, Seminarians, Brothers and Sisters.

In addition, during 2019, the ICs are collecting information about our Spanish-speaking community. With this data we can plan on how to create a Spanish-speaking sector of Equipos de Nuestra Señora. We must be confident to have 'critical mass' of couples to initiate a number of Teams more-or-less at the same time, have meaningful Spanish-speaking retreats, and an engaged Spanish leadership team. We must find Spanish speaking Information Couples, Pilot Couples, and Liaison Couples. This is a big endeavor for all of us for 2020 and beyond.



**MARTIN & ANA KEIM
PORTLAND SECTOR A**



*Harold & Ginny McNeese
Portland OR Sector B*

PORTLAND SECTOR B

On January 14, both Sector A and B held a first-ever Joint Training Session for all Liaison (LC) and Informational Couples (IC). The training was the result of the collaborative effort on the part of Martin & Ana Keim (Sector A Couple) and Harold & Ginny McNeese (Sector B Couple).



The training session was divided into two parts: the Keims led the training for all Informational Couples and the McNeeses led the training for all Liaison Couples, which proved invaluable because it helped to define and clarify the responsibilities of all.

There were over 20 attendees.

“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.”

The primary goal of a Sector Couple is to provide spiritual animation, liaison, formation, and the organization of events and expansion of the Movement. One couple alone cannot successfully reach out and support all the Teams within their Sector. Therefore, by creating a Sector Team to provide support as a visible resource of communication, education, organization and prayer to the Teams, this will improve the communication flow within the Teams and within the sector.

A Sector Team will be comprised of:

- Sector Couple
- Informational Couples
- Liaison Couples
- Pilot Couples
- Prayer Couples
- Possibly, a Social Activities Couple

Ongoing training will be held for all of the above throughout 2019/2020.



Teams of Our Lady Retreat March 1 -3

Hurry and send in your registration....

Just a few places left!

REGISTRATION

First Names: _____ and _____
 Last Name: _____ Team: _____ Sector: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Full Overnight Retreat (includes all meals, activities and lodging)-\$379/couple	\$_____
Day Commuter Retreat (includes all meals and activities -\$299/couple	\$_____
Additional Donation <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$_____	\$_____
Total	\$_____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Other Accommodations: _____

Registration due by February 1st, 2019

Please send completed registration form along with check made payable to
Marjono Reksopuro - 15253 SE Pebble Beach Drive, Happy Valley, OR, 97086
 Subject: TOOL Retreat 2019
 After February 1st, or Scholarship inquiry, please contact Bernard - 503-887-3189

News from Boise Pre-Sector



Jake & Yesenia Ineck
Boise ID Informational Couple



Amanda & Nick LaMott
Boise ID Pilot Couple

SATURDAY, FEB 9
St Mary Cathedral
Portland, OR



14 [*Ways to celebrate & strengthen your marriage*](#)

Marriage & Family Office,
Archdiocese of Portland

We welcome Boise Team 06! Seven new couples will begin piloting this new year. Prayers would be appreciated for the couples that their hearts be open to a new journey with Teams.

Jake and Yesenia are heading to Twin Falls, Idaho, February 9th to do an Informational Meeting for their parish, St. Edward's at 10am.

Yesenia is also helping organize a Diocesan Young Adult Retreat April 4 -7, in McCall, Idaho. The retreat is open to all adults 23 - 40+. Registration can be found at this [link](#).

Saturday, February 9, 2019 - 5:30 PM

CELEBRATING OUR SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

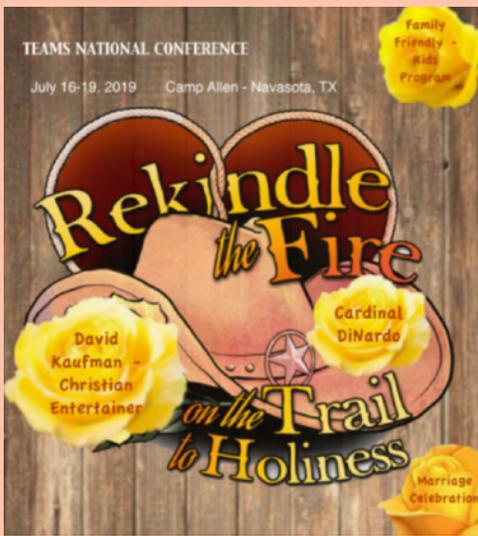
The Marriage & Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Portland is celebrating marriage at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1716 NW Davis St, Portland with a vigil Marriage Mass.

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. Please plan to participate..... See you there!



In a society where getting married is hardly a given, Pope Francis is asking parishes to highlight the beauty of marriage. "The union of man and woman in marriage [is] a unique, natural, fundamental and beautiful good for persons, communities, and whole societies."

For resources on the beauty of marriage and testimonies, visit this webpage: [Marriage](#) from the Archdiocese of Portland.



THE TEAMS NATIONAL
CONFERENCE
JULY 16-19, 2019

The next Teams National Conference will be held July 16-19, 2019, at [Camp Allen](#) in Navasota, Texas. Registration is now open. There are a limited number of spaces available, so register today to attend this one-of-a-kind event.

At the Teams of our Lady National Conference, more than 800 teams in the country are invited to come together as one, united to share our married spirituality with other married couples. We invite you to come join us in experiencing the greater Teams movement that has inspired and impacted the lives of Catholic families across the country. You don't want to miss it!

Early registration is encouraged. **25% of the rooms are reserved.** Conference spots will fill up quickly, so register today! You may register online at the link: [click here and complete the secure online registration form.](#)

Tuesday:
4 pm - Opening Ceremony with Mass
Dinner
David Kaufman, Entertainer
Lighting the fire with s'mores

Wednesday:
Breakfast
Morning Prayer
Bishop Joseph Strickland
Small group discussion
Dancing - Texas style

Thursday:
Morning Prayer
Msgr. Chester Borski
Cardinal DiNardo, celebrates
4 pm - Mass
Marriage Celebration

Friday:
Morning Prayer
Mass
Send off

- SPEAKERS & ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDE:**
- * Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archdiocese of Galveston Houston
 - * Bishop Joseph Strickland, Diocese of Tyler
 - * David Kaufman, Christian Entertainer
 - * Richard Gaillardetz, Author & Theologian



**Tuesday, July 16, 2019 - 3 pm
through
Friday, July 19, 2019 - 2 pm**

Conference Registration Fees
\$50.00/Adult (includes T-Shirt)
\$40.00/child (14-17)
\$30.00/child (13 and under) (up to 3 children)
T-shirts for children may be purchased at a cost of \$12 each

Lodging Rates (all rooms are double occupancy and include meals)
\$276.00 per Adult (Ages 13 and up) (3 nights at \$90/night + \$6 registration fee)
\$81.00 per child (Ages 2-12) (3 nights at \$25/night + \$6 registration fee)

This excerpt taken from the International Leading Team; 2006

"What I have just described is not what it always is, but how it ought to be".

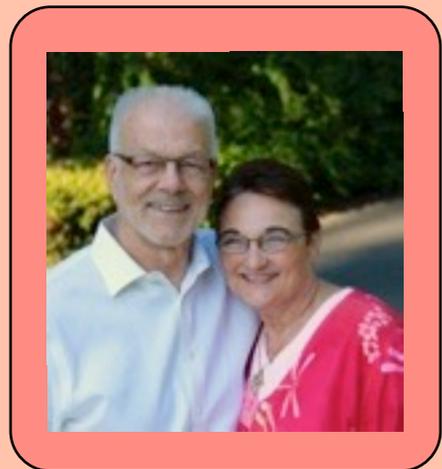
The Team Meeting

It is probably not surprising but definitely worth reflecting on what Fr. Caffarel spoke of as he stepped away as Spiritual Counsel or to the Movement in 1973. When asked for his opinion on what was the most important aspect of Team Life, after reflecting on the many gifts, he identified the most important:

"He is there, in the midst of these couples gathered together in a room in an apartment, the intense presence of the Risen Lord, alive, attentive to all, loving all of them, with their mixture of good and bad, and anxious to help them to become the kind of people they want to be. He is there, as on the evening of the Resurrection, in the upper room in Jerusalem, when He appeared suddenly to those other team members, the apostles. He breathed on them, saying: 'Receive – the Holy Spirit.' And they became new men. Jesus Christ, in the midst of couples, does not fail to impart His Spirit to them; and those who open themselves to His Spirit – this is something that people learn gradually – to become people of the Holy Spirit. The whole meeting is animated by the Spirit. To these men and women who, in the evening, after a hard day, often arrive exhausted and weighed down with worries, this Spirit communicates Christ's twofold passion: His impatience for the glory of His Father, and His burning and gentle pity for the crowds 'who are like sheep without a shepherd.'

What I have just described is not what it always is, but how it ought to be. For a meeting of a Team which is not first and foremost a joint effort to meet Jesus is something completely different from a meeting of a Team of Our Lady."

John and Elaine Cogavin
International Leading Team Equipes Notre-Dame
(Lettre Mensuelle Equipes Notre-Dame March April 1973)



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The Friends of Fr. Caffarel

Blessings to everyone in the USA Super Region. Attached is the link for the [Bulletin 23](#) of the Friends of Fr. Caffarel, who coordinates the Canonization process between Rome and the USA Super Region. There is lots of new material and updates in this issue.

We encourage everyone in the USA to join the Friends of [Fr. Caffarel](#). This is a one time subscription cost per year, (more often, if you wish), assists with the cost of the process of documentation related to the Canonization of Fr. Caffarel.

Instructions for joining the *Friends of Fr. Caffarel* are in this issue. Very easy and inexpensive! Note: 15 Euros is approximately \$18.00 per year.

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THE PROPHETIC NATURE OF TEAMS

I would guess that you haven't been spending that much time thinking about the role of a prophet in our society. And I'm sure that there would be some disagreement about who we should dub prophet, if we were serious about attempting to name those who are prophets today. We could have economic prophets, political prophets, spiritual prophets, health prophets, and so on. When you go to the doctor, it often happens that they tell you what your future is going to look like. I remember going to a wellness woman who was generously telling me that according a certain health standard, I was obese. I was not pleased to hear this. She was being a prophet to me, and I had no interest in listening to her.

My sister played the prophet one time when she said to me, "You pray funny." I was afraid to ask her what she meant, as I knew that she would tell me exactly what she thought. It took a month to sort out that I was developing a prayer voice that was different from my regular voice and eventually I was very thankful for her comment.

What our Jewish ancestors in the faith didn't understand that well, was why God had chosen them. They certainly understood that they were special as everyone who is chosen understands that they are special. God called them to be a light to other nations, so that those outside of the Chosen might see how it looks to live in this world following God's laws. What if he expects the same of us as was expected of Israel? That we be for the rest of the nations what those nations need from us? If that is where he wants us to be strong, then that puts a much different slant on who we are to be as Christians.

I think that many Catholics think it is the responsibility of Jesus to make them feel good when they pray or when they are hurting. Yes, that is possible, but if that is our only expectation we have for Jesus, then we are not only limiting him, but we also limit ourselves in listening to His message.

If we examine ourselves in our motivation for continuing as a Team member, what comments do we hear? I have heard of how it serves the prayer life of the couple and how other couples are able to compliment each others' prayer life and married life. But I'm not so sure I have heard of how a good portion of our ministry has to do with being a light to the Church community and to even those outside of the Church Community.

Do we have a prophetic role that is outside of serving ourselves?

Fr. Dick Rossman
NW Regional Counselor

Let Us Remember in Our Prayers...

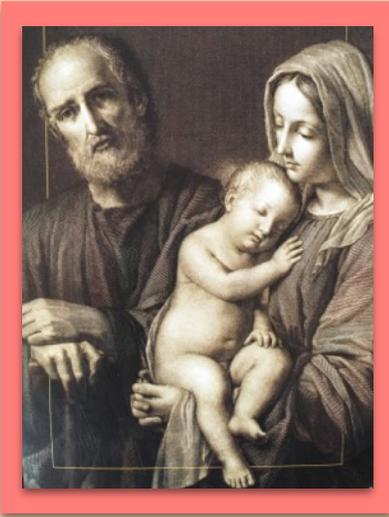


- Johnny and his family, who at the tender age of 5 went to be with our Lord yesterday;
- Hee-Jung, diagnosed with a syndrome that involves the progressive deterioration of the blood vessels in the brain;
- Tukang, for recovery from illness, to obtain employment, peace and comfort to overcome several issues;
- Colleen, diagnosed with a large brain tumor, likely cancerous;
- healing for the Note family in the loss of their baby Lillian Belle and for babies soul;
- Bob for patiences and love - for his wife's physical health with a fractured hip and bruises;
- For son to encounter Christ and resist the world's temptations;
- Ella's 40 year old sister-in-law, now in hospice with cancer;
- Howie, with a fractured hip and shoulder problems from a fall;
- Cynthia as she recovers from concerning health issues.
- daughter of Mark and Linda who suffered a miscarriage;
- Gerard, who fell mysteriously ill, currently placed in an induced coma. He and his fiancee are with a young Catholic Marriage group preparing for their upcoming marriage;
- Ed who is in the hospital with low O2 levels and confusion;
- Eric for Salvation;
- my Mom, Georgian, with lots of chronic illness since my dads passing in January;
- two new born baby boys who each need medical assistance's in breathing;
- Beverly and Richard, in their recovery from surgery;
- the repose of the soul of Kevin;
- miscarried Twins of Paul and Lauren;
- Paul & Lauren and their miscarried twins;
- Mitchell, for his recovery from an Appendectomy;
- Barbara, as she struggles to overcome anxiety issues;
- Laurie, as she recovers from ColoRectal cancer surgery;
- Tex, suffering from cancer and will have surgery to have his gall bladder removed;
- Ed's nephew, Gary, with a pancreatic abcess;
- Mike who had quadruple bypass;
- healing for Mary Catherine who is being treated for cancer;
- Our daughter-in-law is in the hospital due to further leaking of the amniotic fluid around her baby. She is only 22 wks pregnant and they are not sure the baby's lungs would be developed enough if delivered. They hope to keep her in bed and at 28 wks start her on steroids to hasten the baby's lung development;
- Laurie and her husband Luke who are at the Olathe Hospital;
- Ed recovering from knee replacement surgery;
- Kevin, who stopped breathing and collapsed while at a convention and has been hospitalized . Complications have kept him from completely recovering. Kevin needs a miracle.

For these and all our concerns, we pray for God's overwhelming love and compassion.

Please send your prayer intentions to: prayer@teamssofarlady.org

Below is a beautiful prayer which came from the Knights of Columbus for the Consecration of our families. May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide all families to follow the example of the Holy Family in their love, faith and devotion.



O Lord Jesus,

You lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
As you prepared to fulfill your mission
As our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,

You are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
And nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,

You provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
And gave us a model of fatherhood
While showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,

We consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
And open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
To forgive one another from our hearts,
And to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, preserving in prayer,
Diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our homes, O Holy Family,
Truly become a domestic church
Where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Update on Brady's Recovery

Brady, for whom we prayed for last quarter, is now at home, but still has a long road ahead to full recovery from his ATV accident. Please continue to keep him in your prayers invoking the help of Fr. Caffarel.

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*