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As we approach the Advent season and a new church year we reflect on the beginning of the Gospel message of God's plan of salvation. As a member of Teams of Our Lady it is helpful to examine the role of our namesake, Mary, in God's plan.

In the beginning of the gospel of Luke, the young Mary receives a visit from Gabriel announcing her role in God's plan. Mary questions the possibility of her role "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" Gabriel answers that "... nothing will be impossible for God" and provides Mary with a concrete example of God's plan in action. The example was Elizabeth who was thought to be barren, is in her 6th month of pregnancy. Mary's response to Gabriel's message serves as a model for us all -- "May it be done according to your word."

Mary proceeds with "haste" to visit Elizabeth. She must be thinking about Gabriel's words and possibly thinking -- I want to see God's plan in action.

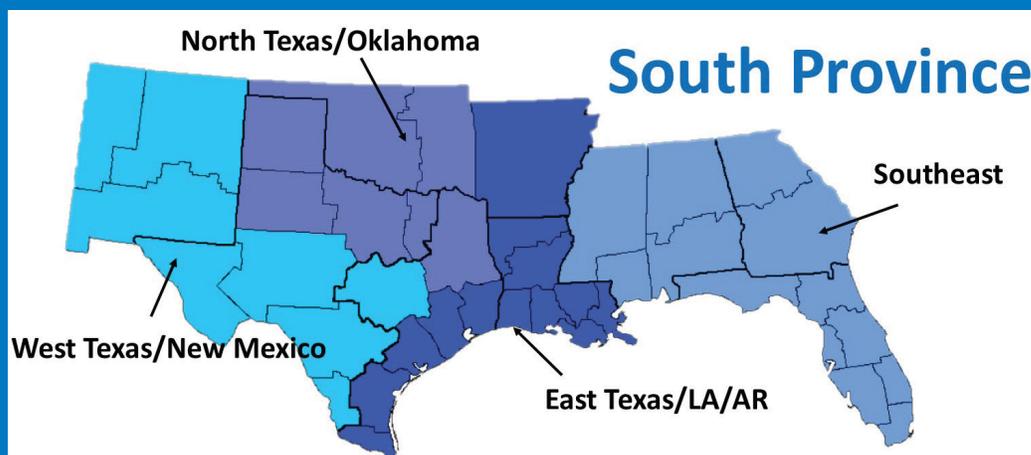
When she arrives, Elizabeth "filled with the Holy Spirit" greets her with "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Elizabeth explains how she knows that Mary is carrying the Savior because the baby in her own womb leaps for joy at the sound of Mary's voice. Elizabeth continues "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



What a blessing from the Lord that must have been for Mary. Not only to confirm the angel's proclamation, but to also hear support and joy in Mary's choice to participate in God's plan. It is in this spirit of joy and humility that Mary gives us the prayer we use daily, the Magnificat.

Lord we pray that we can respond like Mary when we see a glimpse of your plan. May we also experience the joy expressed by Mary when we act in your service. May God bless us.

*Wishing you God's peace,
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NORTH TX & OK REGION

New Sector Couples, Trainings, and a Celebration All In One Day!

Saturday, September 28th, 2019 was a tremendous day for the Teams of Our Lady North Texas/Oklahoma Region. The day at Holy Redeemer Parish in Aledo, TX began with a presentation from Greg and Melanie Gehrt on the New Teams Welcome Celebration that is scheduled for February 8th, 2020 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and was followed by session on Liaison Couple training presented by the South Province Couple, Ellen and TJ Holt. Our meetings were followed by Mass where three new Sector Couples were installed – Heather and Carl Storrie, Fort Worth Sector, Tom and Chusi Gehrlein, Dallas English Sector and Tony and Adriana Marquez, Dallas Spanish Sector. After Mass there was a potluck dinner in the parish hall to celebrate the new Sector Couples. We feel very blessed to have been part of this day for Teams of Our Lady in North Texas.



North Texas/Oklahoma Region held a Sector Couple Meeting

On October 19, 2019 at St. Ann's Parish in Coppell, TX, We had a great time going through upcoming events and brainstorming about various topics. This group of couples is vibrant and enthusiastic about growing the Teams of Our Lady movement in their sectors and we are excited to be working with them.

From Left New Sector Couples from Fort Worth - Carl and Heather Storrie, Dallas English - Tom and Chusi Gehrlein, Regional Couple - Lillian & Jim Burke, Dallas Spanish - Tony and Adriana Marquez, Frisco - Kevin and Amy Klimczyk and Tyler - Josh and Christina Loeffler.



EAST TX, LA, AR REGION

Cypress Sector Picnic

held on September 7th at Zube Park in Cypress Texas. It was a great family filled event.



Missouri City Sector Annual Octoberfest

This year it was a family event and tailgate at a local park. We had tons of food and games. It was a great time for fellowship and building our community. Our new year will include a few new teams!



Houston Team 2 Retreat at Boliver Island, Texas.

The men were in charge of putting on this retreat- what could go wrong?

The theme was the Wild Goose Series. We watched the first three videos " God's Love Poured Out", "The Breath of God", and "Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire". This was an incredible experience for all of us to share. Our wives complimented us on our selection!



Mass & Munch

Saturday June 8th at Jesus the Good Shepherd in Monroe, Louisiana. After Mass, we hosted a Monroe Sector event for families in a private room at a local Piccadilly Cafeteria.

SOUTHEAST REGION



Southeast Regional Day

Larry and Mary Kay Kuchta (Southeast Regional Couple) hosted their first Southeast Regional Day on October 19, 2019. There were 68 in attendance including TJ and Ellen Holt, our South Province couple from Texas!! The theme was "Back to Basics" and all the Endeavors were presented. A survey was taken upon arrival by each person attending, and the Endeavor found to be the most challenging was the Rule of Life! Barb and Nate Flach (Palm Coast Sector Couple) presented on the Rule of Life, Jack and Mary Pulick (Palm Coast, FL 01) presented on Daily Reading of the Word and Meditation (Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer). TJ and Ellen presented on Family and Conjugal Prayer. Larry and Mary Kay Kuchta presented and role played the Sit-Down. Marilyn Pasden from Brandon, FL 03 spoke on the importance of attending National and International Conferences as well as sharing her experience and memorable moments with her late husband and children. We were blessed with being able to attend Adoration led by Fr. Lou Turcotte, a beautiful lunch served by St. Timothy's Teen Helpers, a "Test Your Teams Knowledge" Game, and we closed the day with the 5:30 Mass at St. Timothy's Catholic Church celebrated by Fr. Mally.



Wine and Shrine in Jacksonville, Florida

The Jacksonville Sector hosted a Sector Day on November 9, 2019 at Mission de Nombre de Dios in St Augustine, FL. Msgr Haut conducted a very entertaining and informative presentation on the Theology of the Endeavors which included the attached handout. The afternoon session discussed RC responsibilities and the teams discussed ways in which to make meetings more interesting, but staying within the guidelines and format of the charter. The day concluded with a tour of the mission, a visit to Our Lady of la Leche National Shrine, and a visit to a commemorative rustic altar calling to mind the nearby location of the first Mass celebrated in the US by Father Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, on Sept 8, 1565, the day St Augustine was founded by Pedro Menendez de Aviles. Following the tour, several couples toured the San Sebastian winery and finished the day with a meal, wine, and great company. Eleven Couples attended and each Team was represented.



Fort Myers, FL - First Annual Sector Retreat

John and Linda Stankiewicz, The Fort Myers FL Sector Couple and Teams 9 and 10 planned and held its first Annual Sector Retreat Day on September 28, 2019. It was a huge success with 52 people from 7 teams in attendance. Deacon Francis Head from St. John XXIII lead the interactive retreat. Father Saji Ellickal (Spiritual Adviser to 5 teams) said Mass and had all couples present at Mass Renew their Marriage vows. All the teams in attendance want to do another retreat next year and Fort Myers Sector has already booked St. John's Family Center for Saturday September 26, 2020. So mark the date on your calendars now and let us try for all the teams in our Sector at the retreat.

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Ocala, FL 1



Two New Teams In Ocala, Florida

The Southeast Region has exciting news with two new teams starting up in Ocala, FL. Emilio and Nina Gonzalez have belonged to the Jacksonville, FL 04 Team for 13 years. They moved to Ocala, FL where they introduced the Teams Of Our Lady Movement to their pastor, Fr. Patrick J. O'Doherty at the Queen of Peace Catholic church. With combined efforts, we now have 2 Teams starting! They have just finished their first two Piloting Meetings in October and November. Team 1 is piloting seven couples with Fr. Patrick J. Doherty, and Team 2 is piloting six couples and Fr. Paul Thomas.

Way to go Ocala, FL and thank you to all participating!!

Left to right: Maria & Dan Schild, Paulette & Joey Chitty, Father Paul Thomas, Bill Myers (missing from photo is Valerie Myers), Norma Ramos & Roger Maurais, Mie & Ron Milller, and Emily & Michael Butler and their son Noah.

Left to right: Marie & Wendell Colberg, Mary Beth & Ernie Retamoza, Owen & Nina Brady, Emilio & Nina Gonzalez, Don & Cathy Brown, Kathy & Ralph McNall, Carla & Sylvester Ricci, (missing from photo is Father Patrick J. O'Doherty)



Ocala, FL 2

Miami, Florida Sector Fun Day Picnic on October 5th 2019



Sector couple, Fabio & Camila Cristino, with Miami Team 3



Fabio & Camila Cristino, with Miami Team 2



Sector Team Meeting with Fr. Mario Viscayno

WEST TX & NM REGION



Dripping Springs

The Dripping Springs Sector held its annual Retreat on September 28th in the St. Dymphna Center at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Dripping Springs, Texas. The Teams of Our Lady Sector Couple, Myron and Chery Lutz, did an outstanding job of organizing and leading the event. Approximately 100 individuals were in attendance, including Teams of Our Lady couples from Dripping Springs, Waco, San Antonio, and Austin. Attendance was also open to all married couples from throughout Dripping Springs and the surrounding vicinities. The event was titled "The Fruit of Spousal Prayer". Fr. Charlie Garza, the Spiritual Counselor for the West Texas-New Mexico Teams Region, from St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Austin, led the morning presentation. Fr. Garza taught the couples present the most effective methods for praying together as couples. Time was then allotted for couples to utilize the suggested techniques to pray together. All couples who attended left with a greater understanding of how effectively to utilize conjugal prayer to grow in spirituality as couples. The afternoon session began with a moving presentation by John Ganzerla, a member of Teams of Our Lady at St. Martin de Porres in Dripping Springs, who was a presenter at the National Conference in Navasota this past summer. Mr. Ganzerla shared the touching personal tale of the spiritual journey that his wife Melanie and he have experienced as a result of his daughter Eden's near-fatal car accident. His tale of faith, prayer, and miracles was a huge inspiration to everyone attending. Finally, Fr. Justin Nyugen from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Dripping Springs led the group in effective techniques for practicing guided meditation. The day concluded with Adoration, followed by Mass. It was an outstanding Sector event that left participants with a better understanding of how to pray that leads us all to a heightened spirituality and greater love for our spouses, families, and those we come in contact with each day.



Way to go Waco!

Although still in the piloting stage, the two new Waco teams held their first Sector event! Outstanding in so many ways, this pre-sector showed how wonderful they already are! The two teams met on October 27 for a potluck picnic at the Sugar Creek Club in Woodway, Texas. Thanks to Stephanie and James Bailey who provided the venue. Individuals brought their favorite recipes and shared them under the beaming sun of a perfect Texas fall afternoon. What a wonderful opportunity for the two teams to get to know one another better!

