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Opening our hearts to receive His graces

By Mike and Beatrice Towns
South Province Couple

Happy Fall everyone. We hope you are enjoying this season of cool weather and beautiful colors. Fall is also the time of year we were hoping to have the South Province College Meeting.

Unfortunately, as with so many plans, we felt it prudent to cancel due to COVID concerns. Hopefully, next year we'll all be viewing this pandemic problem in the rear-view mirror and moving forward. So please "Save The Date" for the South Province College Meeting on October 15, 2022. The South Province College consists of Province Couple, Province Spiritual Counselor, NTWC Coordinators, Regional Couples and Sector Couples in the South Province. We have been busy this summer and were able to install the new East TX Regional Couple, Steve and Lori Hesse, and the new Cypress Sector Couple, Tim and Marites Wenté.

Fall is also the time of year our team goes on its annual retreat. This year our theme was on Jesus' Divine Mercy. We were reminded once again of just how

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Mike and Beatrice Towns

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much our Father desires to pour His blessings upon us, whether we feel deserving or not. His love is not dependent on what we say or do. All we have to do is have a heart open to receive His graces, His forgiveness, His mercy. Just as water will flow to the lowest point, God's mercy reaches into the depths of our lives. May we in turn be merciful to our spouses, family, team, community, and world.

May God bless you and shower His mercy upon us all.

A reminder about updating your contact information

Remember to update your contact information if you have any changes. Go to www.teamsofourlady.org, and log in to update. If you're not sure how to log in, after you click on Member login, click on the "Login instructions." As always, if you have any questions you can always reach out to your Sector Couple, Regional Couple, or to us.

—Mike and Beatrice Towns



Why do we say "no"?

Dear Couples,

Larry and I are entering our fourth and final year as the Southeast Regional Couple. It certainly was a decision met with a lot of prayer before the "Yes" and certainly met with apprehension after the "Yes." But we were honored to be asked and let the Lord do the leading. We certainly had lots of reasons "not to," but we also know what a gift Teams of Our Lady has been to us personally, as a married couple and to our three daughters and how we are raising them. It has been amazing meeting so many awesome couples, learning and growing in our faith by their journeys, their knowledge, and their examples.

Is it more work? It isn't any more work than any other activity we get involved in, but we will say it is "joyful work" helping others. We exist to know, love, and serve Our Lord here, so that someday, please God, we will be in paradise with Him. So, serving is what we are called to do.

Please pray about offering help to your Sector by using a gift God has given you and serving on the Sector Team. You may be a great retreat organizer, record keeper, or photographer as your Sector's historian. Or you could be a prayer warrior for your Sector. Or maybe you love to chat about Teams to others and you could serve as an Information Couple. One of the best opportunities in Teams is to be a Pilot Couple and share in the lives of other couples, helping them learn about Teams of Our Lady. Or perhaps you might be asked to be a Sector Couple or Regional Couple.

If others have enough faith in you to ask you to pray about it, please do! Let God do the rest. Or maybe God is telling you to offer your help and not wait to be asked! Do you have to know everything and be perfect? They certainly wouldn't have asked us if that were the case. All God and Teams ever want is for you to do your best, keep praying, and follow God's lead. Please say "yes" if possible, to help Teams in some way. God cannot be outdone and will bless you! So as Blessed Solanus Casey would say, "Thank God ahead of time!" We thank all of you for your consideration and help.

—Larry and Mary Kay Kuchta, Southeast Regional Couple

Introducing three new Midland, TX Teams

Mike and Trice Towns, along with Dan and Natalie Calvet, West TX-NM Regional Couple, ventured to Midland, Texas on October 9, 2021 for a “meet and greet” to begin three new Teams from St. Ann Parish. Dan and Natalie did a fantastic job setting up and coordinating the meetings with the help of Nate and Lia Cless! There is also a Spanish Team ready to start after the first of the year.

We were amazed and delighted when the following joined us for our initial meetings:

- Father Timothy Hayter (in back row with Team 1)
- Bishop of San Angelo Bishop Michael Sis (in photo of Team 2 at the end)
- Msgr. Larry Droll (also in photo of Team 2)
- Deacon Tom Collier. Dcn. Tom and his wife will be on Team 3 (second couple from left)



Midland TX Team 1



Midland TX Team 2



Midland TX Team 3



Ghassan and Veronica Hattar

North TX Region welcomes new Frisco Sector Couple

The North Texas/Oklahoma Region welcomes Ghassan and Veronica Hattar as the new Frisco Sector Couple. The Hattars have been married for 24 years and have four children. They moved to Frisco from California in 2005. Ghassan and Veronica have been in Teams for seven years and served as responsible couple on their team. They have enjoyed their time in Teams and appreciate how it has helped them learn about and grow their faith. They are thankful for the opportunity to serve the Frisco Sector. We thank Veronica and Ghassan for answering the call to leadership in the Teams Movement.

Coppell Team 03 participates in annual retreat



(L-R) Jimmy and Luisa Sutehall, Gillian and Kevin Albuquerque, Jorge and Cristina Fernández, Daniella and Justin Burns, Mark and Tammy Medina, Debbie and Dennis Monk, Noreen and Richard Bridgeman, Chusi and Tom Gehrlein.

Coppell TX Team 3 took part in its annual retreat at Nazareth Retreat Center in Grand Prairie, led by Sister Mary Louise. The theme was “Love times of our lives together.” We had a lovely Holy Spirit filled retreat in a beautiful setting with delicious food. Couples from different teams also attended.

— Chusi and Tom Gehrlein

Fort Worth Sector enjoys outdoor social



Teams from the Fort Worth sector had fun spending time together during an ice cream social at the Dream Park playground in Fort Worth on September 10. Dozens of couples and their children participated.

Fort Myers Teams participate in Sector retreat

Representatives from Fort Myers, FL Sector Teams 1, 5, 9, 10, and 11 attended the Venice Diocese Retreat for Married Couples called "Together in Holiness," on October 2, 2021 at St. Agnes Church in Naples, Florida. The speakers were fantastic; and there was time for Adoration and Confessions also. The day concluded with Mass celebrated by Bishop Dewane, Bishop of Venice. He blessed all couples who attended the Retreat.



— *Larry and Mary Kay Kuchta*

Participants at the "Together in Holiness" Retreat in Naples, Florida.

Miami Teams Sector honor anniversary of Father Caffarel

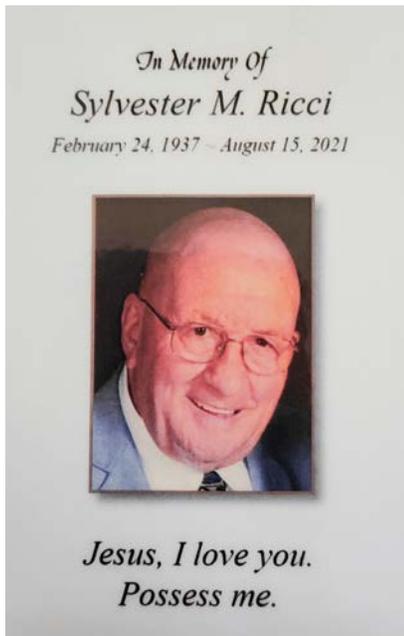
The Holy Eucharist is the center of our faith and likewise, in our Teams Family, the Eucharistic life is a pillar of our faith. On September 18, 2021, the Miami, FL Sector gathered at Mass to honor the 25th Anniversary of Father Henri Caffarel's death.

Each couple also received a bracelet made by Ana, the daughter of Gerardo and Thelma Handal, of Miami, FL Team 02. They also serve as Miami's Sector Liaison Couple. Ana makes and sells these bracelets (Joyful by Ana, find her story on YouTube: "Aftershock Episode 430") and gives the money collected to a Honduras family for the construction of a new home. Ana's uncle and godfather is a priest in Honduras and invited her to visit and pick a family she wanted to help. Ana is learning at a young age the gift of giving back. We thank the Miami, FL Sector for continuing to bless couples with Teams, and Ana even gives recognition to Teams of Our Lady in the video clip. Thank you Ana, and we are sure God will continue to bless your endeavor.



— *Larry and Mary Kay Kuchta*

Ocala Team 02 remembers deceased team member with Mass



Ocala, FL Team 02 began piloting before the pandemic and continued meeting virtually. As soon as it was safe to do so, the team returned to in-person meetings much sooner than many teams. They truly missed each other and the community and friendship they had. With very creative measures of social distancing and bring your own lunch, their meetings continued.

They committed during the pandemic in December 2020. On October 10, 2021, they celebrated Mass in remembrance of Sylvester and joined together for breakfast afterwards. "We give thanks for Sylvester Ricci, an integral part of this team, who will be missed by all of us here. He always gave with a servant's heart, and we are all better people for having known him."

Former Super Regional couple makes surprise visit to Palm Coast, FL

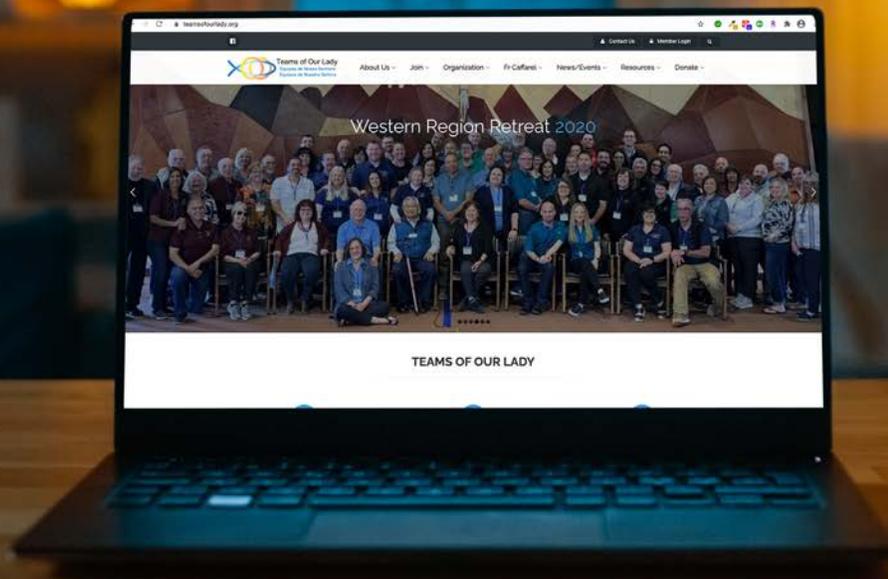


Jorge and Noelia Sousa with Larry and Mary Kay Kuchta.

Teams of Our Lady is present from coast to coast. Jorge and Noelia Sousa, former US Super Regional Couple, proved that when they traveled from California and surprised Larry and Mary Kay Kuchta, Southeast Region couple, on September 24, 2021 with a text saying they stopped for dinner in Palm Coast, FL after a fun day visiting St. Augustine.

"Is this where you live?" they texted. "So in true Teams fashion and because every couple in Teams is such a gift and we are so blessed to be connected to so many wonderful people, we joined them at the Portuguese Restaurant!" Larry and Mary Kay said. "We had a blast catching up! Thanks Jorge and Noelia for taking a minute and sending that text, and thanks for dinner too!"

Visit the teams website at TeamsofOurLady.org



EAST TEXAS REGION



First row: Joel Syzdek, Patty Syzdek, Ann Hilbig, Mary Clark, Beatrice Towns
Second row: Larry Macicek, Charla Macicek, Tyler Clark, Greg Clark, Mike Towns

Houston Team 2 enjoys in-person weekend retreat

Houston Sector A, Team 2 enjoyed a weekend retreat in Galveston, Texas during the first weekend in October.

The weather was at times stormy, but we enjoyed the warmth and comradery of our teammates. Our ladies presented a wonderful retreat based upon Fr. Michael Gaitley's *Discerning the Spirit: Now is the Time for Mercy*. There was plenty of time for discussion, couple reflections, and evening games.

The team attended Saturday evening Mass at St. Patrick Church in Galveston. Afterward, a couple who had recognized the Teams jacket that Mike was wearing introduced themselves to us. It turns out they were C.J. and Danielle Laird, a former Sector Couple for Cypress, TX Sector now living in Baton Rouge, LA. They were in Galveston visiting family. Meeting them was such an unexpected blessing!

— Mike and Beatrice Towns | South Province Couple

New sector couple installed for Cypress Teams

Tim and Marites Wente were installed as the new Cypress Sector couple by the provincial couple, Mike and Trice Towns, on August 8 at Christ the Redeemer Church. They were joined by the outgoing Sector couple, Brad and Michelle Snyder.

Father Sean Horrigan and Father Vincent Tran were present to provide a special blessing for their installment.

Tim and Marites have been a part of Teams of Our Lady for four years. They have been married for 26 years and have two children. They are excited and honored to serve as the Cypress Sector couple.

We thank Brad and Michelle for their service as previous Sector couple.

A special welcome to Tim and Marites!



Father Sean Horrigan, Michelle and Brad Snyder, Marites and Tim Wente, Trice and Mike Towns, and Father Vincent Tran.



(L-R) Steve and Lori Hesse, Todd and Anne-Marie Miller, Gretchen and Roger Tickle, and Sandy and Deacon Mike Higgins.

Spring Tomball Sector attends retreat, Mass together

In the Spring Tomball Sector, Spring Team 1 held its first in-person Team Retreat at Circle Lake Retreat Center July 16-18 and attended Mass together at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church afterward.

We covered seven sessions during the retreat weekend: Marriage is a Blessing and a Gift, Marriage Is the Unique Union of a Man and a Woman, Marriage Is a Communion of Love and Life, Marriage is a Sacrament of Christ's Love, Marriage Is the Foundation of the Family and Society, Marriage is a Journey of Human and Spiritual Growth, and Marriage Is a School of Love and Gratitude. Each couple covered 2 sessions.

— *Steve and Lori Hesse* | East Texas Regional Couple

New East Texas Regional Couple installed

On Sunday September 19, 2021, Mike and Beatrice Towns, the South Province couple, installed Steve and Lori Hesse as the new East Texas Regional Couple.

The installation was after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. The ceremony was attended by the U.S. Super Regional couple Ellen and TJ Holt.

Steve and Lori have been married for 20 years and been in Teams for 12 years.



First row: Roger and Gretchen Tickle, Steve and Lori Hesse, Ellen and TJ Holt. Second row: Lori Green, Mike and Beatrice Towns, Fr. Norbert Maduzia, Deacon Joe Wright and Mary Wright.

Kingwood Sector celebrates Oktoberfest

The Kingwood, Texas Sector had an Oktoberfest social on Saturday October 9.

Our U.S. Super Regional couple, Ellen and TJ Holt, let us borrow their backyard for this wonderful event. TJ cooked his world-famous bratwurst and everyone brought a favorite dish or dessert to go along his meal. Danny Valdez (RC for Team 26) was the DJ and he played music that had a mix of Christian, German, and contemporary melodies.



Teresa and Mark Roseland (Kingwood Sector Couple) dressed up for the sector social.



Ellen Holt and Father Wayne enjoying the weather.