

South Province

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East TX | Louisiana/Arkansas | Southeast

Upcoming Events

Sector Couple Training via Zoom

July 30: Session 1 from 1-3 p.m. CT
July 30: Session 2 from 3-5 p.m. CT
July 31: Session 3 from 9-11 a.m. CT
July 31: Session 4 from 12-2 p.m. CT
July 31: Session 5 from 3-5 p.m. CT
July 31: Session 6 from 6-8 p.m. CT

TEAMS South Province College Meeting

Oct. 23, 2021 | Houston, TX | Location TBA



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With summer approaching, it's a good time to recommit ourselves to the TEAMS endeavors.

Recommitting ourselves to the Teams endeavors

By Mike and Beatrice Towns
South Province Couple

We pray this year so far has brought you joy and peace filled with lots of physical hugs and a return to regular gatherings as we see the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel. Hard to believe that when this newsletter comes out summer will be right around the corner. Being almost mid-year, we thought it would be a good time to re-yoke ourselves with a fresh commitment to the Teams Endeavors and Responsibilities.

Remember, you can find the Endeavors and Responsibilities on the Teams website as well as a lot of other information and resources. We invite you to log in and check it out if it's been a while. Go to www.TeamsOfOurLady.org. And don't forget to update your contact information.

Below are some important dates to keep in mind:

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Mike and Beatrice Towns

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Friday, July 30: Super-Regional College meeting (virtually) in the morning.

Friday, July 30-Saturday, July 31: Sector Couple Training (virtually) begins at 1 p.m. Friday and continues from 9 am. to 8 p.m. Saturday. ALL Sector Couples old and new are invited.

Regional Couples should be blocking all of Friday and Saturday as they are part of the College.

If you have already sent your RSVP, thank you! If you haven't, please send to Mike and Trice Towns at your earliest convenience at: south-pc@teamsofourlady.org.

Saturday, October 23: South Province College Meeting. This includes the South Province team (spiritual counselor, newsletter couple, NTWC coordinator couple, Regional Couples AND Sector Couples).

Saturday, November 6: Southeast Region New Teams Welcome Celebration (NTWC) in Miami, Florida

As we said in our last newsletter, we will endeavor to respond quickly, serve joyfully, and support you prayerfully. May God bless you and keep you safe this new year and always.



A word from Msgr. Adam McClosky

Dear Couples,

Trusting that everyone has had a blessed and pleasant start to 2021, we stand ready with faith and confidence to begin this summer. The dreaded pandemic has cast its' ugly shadow on all of us and the entire world in many, different ways. So much remains uncertain. But we Catholic Christians are a stubborn people in the sense that our faith and hope cannot be stifled. Ever since the God - Man born in the holy poverty of a manger released upon our earth the blessed contagion of His Divine Love, we have a light amid the darkness; we have an undying cause for goodness, justice, and peace.

Whatever the rest of 2021 may bring us, let us walk together and seek unity and reconciliation in our families, in our Church, and in our country. This was the prayer of Our Lord Jesus when he prayed from the heart: "That they all may be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you..." (Jn. 17:21). Let us ponder the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe who offered his life in exchange for a condemned prisoner. "Hatred destroys, only love creates."

May this summer bring you Mary's tender love and God's choicest blessings.

—Msgr. Adam S. McClosky

Reminder about annual donations

Everyone should have received the 2021 Contribution letter that was mailed in April. At the bottom of the contribution letter is a response card that should be returned with the gift to make tracking the contributions much easier. On the return envelope, Team members are given the opportunity to update any personal information that might have changed. If you make

your annual contribution online, it is very important that you login to your account first in order for your donation to be credited to you. Any amount you can donate is so greatly appreciated and impacts Teams' ability to provide material, training, and reaching other couples with this great gift of Teams.

Our goal is for 100% participation.

SOUTH PROVINCE



Juan and Bianca Guajardo

Introducing the South Province Newsletter couple

We would like to introduce the South Province Newsletter Couple, Juan and Bianca Guajardo. They are doing a fantastic job putting together this newsletter and helping us all to stay informed and connected. Thank you for sharing your talents with Teams!

Juan and Bianca Guajardo live in Fort Worth, TX with their four and two year old daughters, a chocolate lab, and a cat. Juan is the editor of the North Texas Catholic magazine, and also runs a photography business with Bianca, Hearts Aflame Studio. They are members of Team 10-Saints Rita and Maximilian Kolbe, and are parishioners at Saint Peter the Apostle.

— *Mike and Beatrice Towns* | South Province Couple

WEST TX & NM REGION

A new Sector Couple for Los Alamos, New Mexico

Greg and Heather Erpenbeck are the new Sector Couple for the Los Alamos, New Mexico Sector.

Greg and Heather have been married for 12 years, and they have a son named Eli. They have been members of Teams of Our Lady for 11 years. Greg and Heather have a great love for Teams and can attest to the many benefits it brings to marriages. They believe in Teams of Our Lady. Because of this, they hope to bring more knowledge of Teams to everyone in the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Community so that all couples there will want to seriously consider joining in this movement.



Greg and Heather Erpenbeck



Travis Hobbs and Tish Moczygemba

Introducing the new Dripping Springs, Texas Sector Couple

In the Dripping Springs, Texas Sector, Tish Moczygemba and Travis Hobbs are the new Sector Couple. Tish and Travis have been married 16 years and have a 4-year-old son, Ashton. They have been in Teams of Our Lady for 10 years. They hope to increase opportunities for teams within the sector to interact with couples from other teams.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a difficult time for all and they hope to gain a better understanding of how each team is faring. They hope to resume in-person retreats and socials when it is safe to do so.

They also hope to develop an on-line sector community to share prayer requests, team updates, and pictures of team activities. In addition, they plan to examine current technologies to determine the best method of sharing information across the sector.

SECTORS AND LEADERSHIP

SECTOR	SECTOR COUPLES
Austin, TX	Justin and Gia Talentino
Dripping Springs, TX	Travis and Tish Hobbs
Fredericksburg, TX	Mike and Judy Eilers
Los Alamos, NM	Greg and Heather Erpenbeck
San Antonio, TX	Mike and Nelda Lozito
Abilene, TX (Pre-Sector)	Vacant
Hutto, TX (Pre-Sector)	Vacant
Waco, TX (Pre-Sector)	Tim and Wende Pope

West Texas/New Mexico Teams - Year End 2020 Update

There are 51 Active Teams, with six in Hutto, one in Dripping Springs and one in Fredericksburg waiting to begin piloting.

Despite the pandemic, three new Sector Couples were recently installed in Dripping Springs, Los Alamos, and Waco.

— Paul and Chris Sanchez | West Texas/New Mexico Regional Couple

San Antonio Teams come together to help Florida family in medical emergency

We are told in *Isaiah 58:10*, "Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon." The light shone extra brightly around several San Antonio, Texas, Teams of Our Lady couples last December.

Several months prior, little 2-year-old Penny slipped out of Cape Coral, Florida residents PJ and Kat Lagergren's back door and into the lake in their backyard. When she was discovered, she was in cardiac arrest and had to be resuscitated. In early December, PJ and Kat drove from Florida



Nelda and Mike Lozito

to Arizona so Penny could get a stem cell treatment. Upon arrival in Arizona, Penny had serious difficulties breathing; however, her doctors intervened, got the situation in hand, and successfully administered the treatment. Things were satisfactory when the Lagergrens left Arizona for home by car.

However, by the time the family arrived in San Antonio, little Penny was struggling to breathe again and had turned blue. The family found themselves in a desperate situation. They rushed to Children's Hospital in San Antonio, where doctors tried to determine what had caused Penny's precarious battle for life itself, and to ascertain how best to solve those problems. The struggle to help little Penny took more time and effort

than the Lagergrens could ever have anticipated. They found themselves more than 1,000 miles from home, family, and friends, without knowing anyone in San Antonio, and with a desperately ill child in the Intensive Care Unit. On top of everything, the family had a rental car that was soon due back in Florida. PJ and Kat had to make the difficult decision

for PJ to drive the rental car back to Florida with their remaining children, while leaving his wife and daughter alone at the hospital in San Antonio. Their situation was made even more harrowing by the fact that an international pandemic was going on that limited acceptable

interactions between individuals. Their plight seemed bleak, at best.

As it happens, the Lagergrens are a very Catholic family. PJ and his father have made Catholic Christian music concerts their career, and one of his brothers is a priest. Penny's grandfather is the director of music at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Naples, Florida. So, despite the fact that Kat and PJ are not in Teams of Our Lady, Judy and Larry Wagner, the U.S. prayer couple for Teams, learned about their crisis and felt moved to help them. They contacted Ellen and TJ Holt, the Super Regional Couple for the U.S. Teams of Our Lady. Ellen and TJ contacted Trice and Mike Towns, the Provincial Couple for the South, as well as Paul

Most of all, the extraordinary, faith-filled Catholic couples of Teams of Our Lady in San Antonio let Kat know that she was not alone.



Penny and Kat Lagergren

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and Chris Sanchez, West Texas-New Mexico Regional Couple. Paul and Chris contacted their amazing sector in San Antonio, and a beautiful miracle was given fruition.

First, Natalie and Dan Calvet, who took over the role of the new West Texas-New Mexico Regional Couple in March, immediately sprang into action. Natalie was successful at contacting Kat at the hospital. Since Kat was unwilling to leave little Penny's side, she was not eating. Natalie brought Kat some much needed encouragement and support. Despite the pandemic, Natalie and Dan were also able to bring Kat a giant bag of snacks, along with the promise of other meals and endless support. Kat began to understand that she was not alone. In addition to San Antonio Teams, there were countless Teams of Our Lady couples around the country praying for the family.

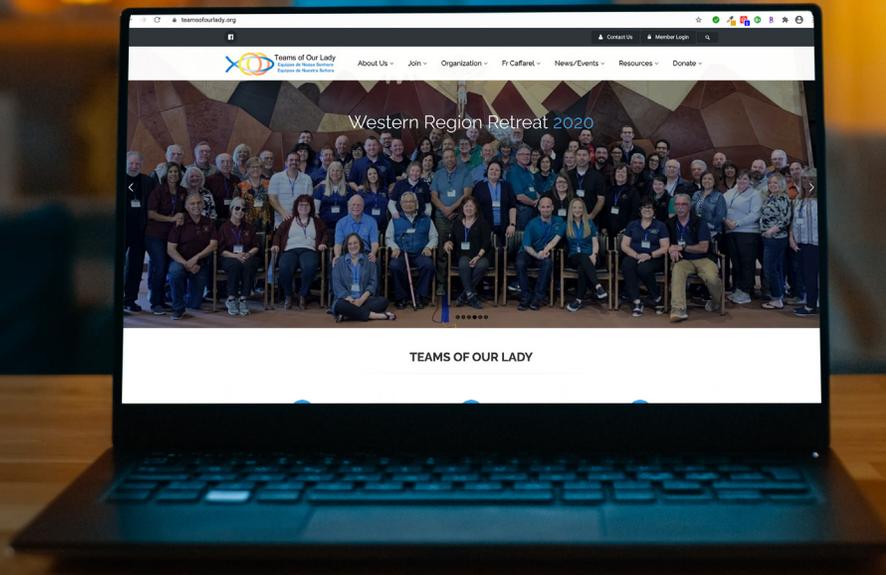
Nelda and Mike Lozito, the Sector Couple for San Antonio, also reached out to Kat, letting her know that there was a whole support system for them in San Antonio. Nelda brought meals and a care package of personal items including a pillow and slippers for Kat—things that made Kat's uncomfortable stay more bearable. Mike put out an email to all San Antonio teams asking for help. It is remarkable the way the San Antonio teams responded. Nelda worked up a schedule for all the individuals who volunteered to help the Lagergren family. In particular, Team 8 of the San Antonio Teams of Our Lady made sure that breakfast, lunch, and dinner were supplied for Kat

during Penny's entire stay at Children's Hospital. A rosary and cross were given to little Penny, which she held fast to throughout her hospital stay. They made transportation available and offered their homes as lodging for Kat. Once Penny was stable enough for Kat to feel comfortable leaving her for a short time, Nelda took her shopping. Nelda Lozito kept in constant contact with Kat, reassuring her and encouraging her during the most difficult times. Most of all, the extraordinary, faith-filled Catholic couples of Teams of Our Lady in San Antonio let Kat know that she was not alone.

After three grueling courses of treatment, doctors were finally able to stabilize Penny's condition enough for her to be air-transported back home to a hospital in Florida. The Lozitos continued to send out notice of updates about Penny's progress, including the GoFundMe page already in place by Penny's family.

Kat expressed great gratitude for all the prayers, comfort, and support that Teams of Our Lady had extended. She felt that the care she received went far beyond mere assistance. She left San Antonio feeling loved. This was especially true for Nelda Lozito, whom she felt had become like a mother to her.

Matthew 23:11 tells us, "The greatest among you will be your servant." In the case of Penny and her family, the teams of San Antonio demonstrated greatness. In their selfless generosity, kindness, and service, we see so clearly the evidence of wonderful, God-fearing individuals who, through kindness, were able to transform adversity.



VISIT THE TEAMS WEBSITE

Make time to login at the Teams of Our Lady website

If you haven't logged onto the Teams website in a while, please do so at TeamsOfOurLady.org. We think you'll be pleased with what you see.

If you've never logged into the website, no problem. You can find instructions on how to create your Member login as well as instructions for updating and editing your Teams of Our Lady contact information. Simply, go to the Teams of Our Lady website, click on "Member Login" at the top of the page and then click on "Login Instructions" on the next screen.

Remember, by keeping your contact information updated, you help Teams stay in touch with you and it helps you to have access to the latest news and information.

If you need assistance, feel free to reach out to your Sector Couple, Regional Couple, or us. We are here for you.

*In Your Humble Service,
Mike and Beatrice Towns
South Province Couple*

SECTORS AND LEADERSHIP

SECTOR

Amarillo, TX
Dallas, TX (English)
Dallas, TX (Spanish)
Fort Worth, TX
Frisco, TX
Nacogdoches, TX (Pre-Sector)
Tyler, TX (Pre-Sector)

SECTOR COUPLES

Deacon Henry and Lori Wilhelm
Tom and Chusi Gehrlein
Tony and Adriana Marquez
Carl and Heather Storrie
Kevin and Amy Klimczyk
Joe and Misti Triana
Josh and Christina Loeffler

North Texas/Oklahoma Teams - Year End 2020 Update

There are 40 active Teams in the region with one Team in the piloting phase in Amarillo.

We held an information meeting in Wichita Falls in November and are working to establish a new sector there.

There are hopes that Sector Leadership will be able to hold Sector events including information meetings, sector retreats and social events sometime this year.

We will continue to help the Sector Couples in any way we can. The Sector Couples are supportive and assist us in any way they can. Quarterly phone calls are held with each Sector Couple.

— Jim and Lillian Burke | North Texas/Oklahoma Regional Couple

Fort Worth Teams unite in prayer and lend hand to fellow Teams family in crisis

Catholic wedding vows have a new and deeper meaning for Amy and Paul Dossett this year. They celebrated 12 years of marriage on May 2, just a week after Paul came home from a 43-day hospital stay, followed by 10 days in a rehabilitation facility.

Paul became sick with COVID-19 in late February, developed double pneumonia, and was critically ill for some of the longest days of Amy and Paul's lives. He spent several weeks in isolation and on a ventilator. Amy spent weeks praying outside of his hospital room, and, once she was permitted by his medical team, weeks at his bedside.

Their marriage for these difficult weeks, was their promise "to have and to hold, in sickness and in health" fully realized.

For their community, it was an opportunity to provide for the Dossetts with both corporal and spiritual works of mercy. TEAMS families gathered outside the hospital to pray. Others arranged a perpetual Rosary so people all over the country and the world could offer supplication for Paul's healing. Families brought meals, and friends helped provide care wherever they could.

The constant, fervent and steadfast prayers of people all over the world sustained the Dossetts throughout their ordeal. God is so good.

And prayer, the Dossetts believe now more than ever, is efficacious.

In the year devoted to the patron of the Universal Church, Paul's continued recovery from his most critical state is certainly a miracle granted at St. Joseph's urging. We continue to pray for Paul, Amy, and their four beautiful children - Anna, Nicholas, Molly, and Benjamin -- on Paul's journey back to health. Thanks be to God, alleluia!

— Cynthia Magnuson



Paul and Amy Dossett with their four children.

SECTORS AND LEADERSHIP



Louisiana/Arkansas Teams - Year End 2020 Update

There are 23 Active Teams with one Team piloting in Lafayette.

We continue to support our Louisiana Teams by email/phone and we hope to begin meeting face-to-face around mid-year. Also, we hosted (via zoom) Responsible Couple training in February.

Also, in March a ZOOM meeting was held for the current RCs in the Louisiana/Arkansas Region. The meeting provided an opportunity to meet one another, update the latest Teams Movement information, and support one another in strengthening Teams. It was a great time to be reminded that we are never alone in Teams, even during a pandemic. Sectors represented were Monroe, Lafayette, and Plaucheville, Louisiana.

— *Larry and Charla Macicek* | LA/Arkansas Regional Couple

EAST TEXAS REGION

SECTORS AND LEADERSHIP

SECTOR	SECTOR COUPLES
Clear Lake, TX	Cody and Heidi Clark
Cypress, TX	Tim and Marites Wente
Houston, TX A	Greg and Lisa Getty
Houston, TX B	Steve and Mary Gangelhoff
Katy, TX	Vacant
Kingwood, TX A	Mark and Teresa Roseland
Kingwood, TX B	Vacant
Missouri City, TX	Hector and Merrie Guerra
Spring/Tomball, TX	Eddie and Dora Carranza
Kingsville, TX (Pre-Sector)	Abel and Vickie Garza

East Texas Teams - Year End 2020 Update

There are 89 Active Teams with 10 Teams in piloting.

The Missouri City Sector is already in full swing. Team 2 held a Valentine's Weekend Retreat and getaway in Boerne, Texas at the Kendall House. We were led through the Saturday retreat program by one of our own Team members, Ron Gottlieb, who is a certified Spiritual Director. It was the first time since the spring of last year that we have all been together. Retreats are a great way to celebrate our marriages and our friendships. Our Lady Queen of Teams, Pray for us.

— *Mike and Caron Blake* | East Texas Regional Couple

EAST TEXAS REGION



Houston Team meet in person for first time since pandemic

Houston Sector A, Team 2 met in person for the first time on Saturday April 24, 2021. We are now all vaccinated! For our first gathering, we decided to have a social (potluck) with highs and lows, prayer, a recommitment ceremony, and lots of hugs! What a joy to be back together as a family!

Team Members who attended were Greg and Mary Clark (with son Tyler), Tony and Linda Gonzales, Ann Hilbig, Larry and Charla Macicek, Jim and Patti Mishler, Joel and Patty Syzdek, Mike and Beatrice Towns. Our spiritual advisor, Msgr. Adam was not able to join us. Jim and Patti Mishler joined us on FaceTime.



Kingwood Team 6 helps family in need

On Friday Feb. 12 members of Kingwood Team 6 delivered household items and assembled beds and bedding for a homeless mom and her three children moving into a new apartment. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Martha's Parish approached Team 6 to see if it could assist this family and provide donated furniture and household items to furnish the apartment. On subsequent days, members of Team 6 delivered additional furniture and household goods to complete the family's move.

(L-R) Mary Ellen Swadley (KW6), Calandra T. (Mom), Duane (12), Ron Dean (KW6), Solace (9), Hope (4), Gary Everett (SVdP), Bob Reilly (KW6), Bill Jardine (KW6). Photo by Theresa Jardine (KW6).

Team 2 of Missouri City Sector enjoys three-day retreat

Team 2 of the Missouri City Sector (St. Angela Merici Catholic Church) enjoyed a great escape/ Annual Retreat weekend at the Kendall Hill Country Inn in Boerne, Texas. Our team of six couples was pleased to be joined by old friends and the initial Piloting Couple for Teams in Missouri City, Steve and Michelle Viro.

The venue was perfect from the standpoint of a getaway weekend and we were blessed to have a facility that could accommodate the quick change of weather; after all it is Texas!

Friday was arrival and dinner, we got to experience a Lenten Friday meal of fish. Afterwards, we returned to enjoy some fellowship time in the beautiful courtyards back at the Kendall Inn.

Saturday, we began bright and early with our retreat program. The retreat was led by two of our own members, one of whom is a Certified Spiritual Director in the Archdiocese and another who is a Certified Behavioral Analyst.

The retreat theme was: What is love? We took a deep dive into the Sacrament of Marriage with three videoconferences provided by a priest. We were then challenged to recall how we have experienced the kind of love Christ extends to us and the kind of love He calls us to as His disciples.

A very challenging reflection was on "How do I Love," with a meditation on 1 Cor 13:4-8. After a very engaging morning of

talks and deep conversation and even a little deep pooling we had a great lunch and resumed our day with a look at our personality makeups. We used the 16 Personalities from Meyers Briggs to look at ourselves and our spouses and how we are hard wired by our Creator. We had great conversations around our likenesses and differences, both as married couples and as a Team. Each couple was then asked to go off for the remainder of the day and share their reflections of how each are doing in regard to the challenges put forth in 1 Corinthians 13.

We had the great opportunity to visit a historical church in Boerne for Confession, had a tour of the three churches on the grounds dating back to the 1800s and then were able to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Dinner and great fellowship ended our day. Sunday we all had our own agendas and one couple liked Boerne so much they bought a house! What? Next year's retreat will be in Boerne — at a different venue!!

We encourage all Teams to think out of the box and find ways to be engaged with your Team. If you would like to discuss your ideas or have questions on our retreat program you can contact us directly.

He is Risen!

— Mike and Caron Blake
East Texas Regional Couple

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SECTORS AND LEADERSHIP

SECTOR

Jacksonville, FL
Hillsborough, FL
Pinellas, FL
Fort Myers, FL
Miami, FL
Birmingham, AL (Pre-Sector)
Ocala, FL (Pre-Sector)
Orlando, FL (Pre-Sector)
Palm Coast, FL (Pre-Sector)

SECTOR COUPLES

Vacant
Tim and Kitty Whitehurst
Joe and Donna Zeoli
Vacant
Holman and Karen Rios
Ronaldo and Paula Martire (RC)
Emilio and Nina Gonzalez (RC)
Anthony and Allie Cota (RC)
Nate and Barb Flach

Southeast Teams - Year End 2020 Update

There are 44 active Teams with three in piloting. One Spanish and one English Team will start in the Hillsborough Sector soon.

With many of our Sectors losing couples and/or Teams due to COVID-19, Hillsborough and Miami are busy growing!!! We are thankful to all our couples and continue to encourage you to pray for each other, stay strong together in the challenging days ahead, reach out to your leadership couples if you have any needs, and may our loving God always be your strength and guide.

Our Lady, Queen of Teams, pray for us.

— *Larry and Mary Kay Kuchta* | Southeast Regional Couple



Palm Coast Sectors count it a blessing to celebrate together again

We were so blessed to have been able to gather for our recommitment ceremony in October. It was a Blessing to see each other in person again. We were grateful to Mary Kay and Larry for hosting at their home around their pool. It was a wonderful evening and we are grateful to have each other in these most difficult times in our nation and world. Our Lady

Queen of Teams, Pray for us and our world.

On December 8, 2020 Palm Coast Teams 1 and 2 celebrated the 60th anniversary of Father Caffarel's call for intercessors with a Mass celebrated at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Palm Coast. Father Jose, the pastor and one of our chaplains, was our celebrant and invited couples from his parish who are not members of Teams to attend. It was a wonderful celebration of marriage and of the ministry of intercessors in Teams of Our Lady.

Miami Sector relies on social media to keep Teams thriving

The Miami, FL Sector is busy using social media to keep their teams thriving. They have a First Saturday Monthly Rosary on Facebook Live. It started on December 8 in memory of the Charter in 1947. A January 2 Rosary was their second time presenting on Facebook Live with great success. A different couple each month are the hosting couple. Great job Miami!! Also on December 5, they had a December Celebration for all the Sector including SC/SA's.

On December 8, all Miami couples were invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and encounter Jesus in Perpetual Adoration.



SOUTHEAST REGION



Florida and Alabama Sectors staying busy during 2021

The **Miami, FL Sector** recently had four Masses celebrated for all Teams couples in Miami between May 23 and leading up to Pentecost.

They are also planning two Sector Days, one a social picnic and the other possibly a day of Adoration. The sector has also created a new Facebook page for the Information Couple to work with new couples interested in Teams. They presently have a Facebook group now, but have plans to convert that to a Facebook page so people have more access to it. Miami is also presently training a new Piloting Couple.

The **Hillsborough Sector** is also busy with beginning new Teams. A new English Team began in January and a Spanish Team began in February.

Birmingham, AL 15 may be the only team presently in AL, but they are alive and strong in their faith! They celebrated a December Christmas celebration with their couples and families "to celebrate Jesus is alive in our lives!!"



Ocala, FL

As we all know, COVID-19 has made life and life in Teams challenging and even more difficult in piloting. Our two teams in Ocala, FL finished their piloting and have now combined couples to make only one team, but one strong team that committed on December 23, 2020. It was a hybrid Commitment Ceremony, but very beautiful. Even couples not committing came to give their support to those committing in person.

In the screenshots above are some of the couples who recommitted as the combined Ocala, FL 02 team.