

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

SOUTH PROVINCE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>National Conference:</u> Navasota, Texas: July 16-19, 2019

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Approach Easter Like a Child!

I have been thinking about some amazing children lately. While attending the International Teams Gathering in Fatima last summer, I picked up a book called "Fatima in Lucia's own words." I have been reading it during Lent and have been moved by stories of the shepherd children and particularly Jacinta and Francisco. In addition to experiencing an angel, the countenance of Our Lady they also experienced a view of suffering souls in hell.

For these innocent children this touched their hearts so deeply they began offering all inconveniences, pains and suffering for the poor sinners that would be going to hell without the intervention, love and grace or our Lord and our Lady. I can't help thinking about how beautiful and selfless these offerings were. Thinking about how far I have to go to be like these children.

Jesus loved children like this. In Mark 10:14-15 Jesus said "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

What ways should we be child-like? Is it wonder? Is it innocence? Is it enthusiasm? Is it humility? Maybe we should check all of the above.

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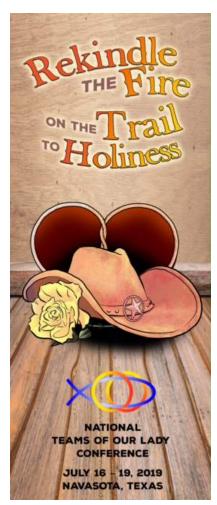
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Easter is a great time to bring out the child. We can move from the adult seriousness of Lent to the indescribable joy of Easter. Perhaps the wonder, innocence, enthusiasm and humility of how much we are loved demonstrated clearly for us in the sacrifice of the lamb via the cross can touch the child in us all. Perhaps our actions and prayers can be focused on eternal salvation of others like the shepherd children of Fatima. What better time than Easter to pray for the joy of Easter for all souls especially those in most need of God's mercy.

God Bless!

T.J. & Ellen

National Conference



The next Teams National Conference will be held July 16-19, 2019, at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas. Registration is now open. Camp Allen is a year round fully air conditioned facility.

Early registration is encouraged - 50% of the rooms are now reserved.

At the Teams of Our Lady National Conference, more than 800 teams in the country are invited to come together as one united movement 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!

You may register for the conference by <u>clicking here and</u> <u>completing the secure online registration form</u>.

South Province

National Conference Speakers & Entertainment

- * Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archdioceses of Galveston Houston
- * Bishop Joseph Strickland, Diocese of Tyler
- * David and Elizabeth Costa Team Members and Motivational Speakers
- * Richard Gaillardetz, Author & Theologian

* Msgr. Chester Borski, retired Regional Teams Spiritual Counselor and Team member

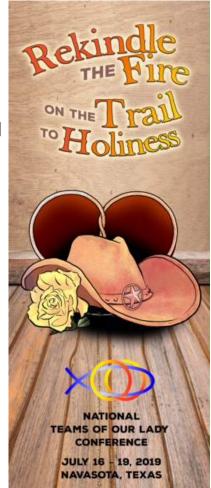
- * David Kaufman, Christian Entertainer
- * Texas A & M Aggie Wranglers Dancers

* Celebration of Marriage featuring Team member and singer - John Klocke!

Don't forget we also have a children's program at the conference.

Sound System

Would you like to help with the conference? We are looking for two volunteers to help with the sound system. If interested contact Ellen & T.J. Holt at holt.ellen@gmail.com.



South Province

PLACES TO VISIT BEFORE OR AFTER THE CONFERENCE

San Antonio

Stroll the River Walk, visit the Alamo, Sea World, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, Guadalupe Cathedral, the Mercado, the Zoo, Fiesta Texas, Sea World Aquatica Waterpark, Botanical Gardens, Witte Museum, Natural Bridge Caverns, Kiddie Park.





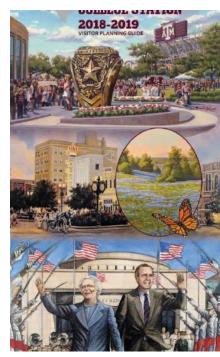
Houston

Go to an <u>Astro's game, Johnson Space Center</u>, the <u>Aquarium</u>, the <u>Children's Museum</u>, the <u>Zoo, Kemah</u> Boardwalk, <u>Museum of Natural Science</u>. <u>Ice skating at the</u> <u>Galleria</u>.

Galveston

Go to the beach, Moody Gardens, Galveston Island State Park, Pleasure Pier Amusement park, Schlitterbahn, Lone Star Flight Museum, Tall Ship ELISSA.





College Station

Visit George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, St. Mary's Catholic Center, A & M Hall of Champions, the 12th Man Statue, Bonfire Memorial, Albiritton Bell Tower, The Corps of Cadets Center, Aggie Park and stop on the way to visit the Blue Bell ice Cream Factory in Brenham.



Austin

State Capitol, Bullock Texas State History Museum, LBJ Presidential Library, Inner Space Cavern, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Franklins BBQ, Barton Springs/Creek, the South Congress Bridge at sunset to see the bats fly,Texas Memorial Museum, Austin Nature & Science Center, Zilker Park, Lake Travis.

West TX/NM Region

Team 7 Retreat



Austin TX 7 held their annual retreat in a cabin at Log Country Cove in Burnet, TX. Their retreat theme this year was Faith, Hope, and Love in your marriage. They are blessed to have Ann and Greg Thomas on their team who are veteran Marriage Encounter leaders who lead the retreat.

Team 14 Retreat





Austin TX 14 in the Dripping Springs Sector enjoyed this year's retreat at Our Lady of Corpus Christi retreat center. The retreat was also attended by other couples from the Dripping Springs Sector. This is the second year that Austin TX 14 team attended the marriage retreat.

This retreat offers tools based on the Theology of the Body for discovering your spouse anew, time spent together in Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and even a romantic evening dinner and dancing!



AUSTIN, TX

West TX/NM Region

Dripping Springs Adds Two

New Teams

Sector Couple Myron and Chery Lutz, along with Father Charlie Garza, the Spiritual Counselor for both the Dripping Springs Sector and the West TX NM Region have done an amazing job in their Sector. Since their installation in December 2017 they have built a Sector Team, have organized their Sector so that all established teams are using the same material, established an annual Sector retreat, and Sector events. The West TX NM Region is quite blessed to have Father Charlie, Myron and Chery and their team. Once they established themselves, they begin their efforts to grow this important ministry in Dripping Springs and their efforts have paid off by adding two new teams to this ever growing Catholic community. The two new teams began piloting this year. Congratulations and thanks! DRIPPING Springs, Tx

Teams of Our Lady - #5





Front Row L to R: Joby & AmyClaire Wieser, Franklin & Barbara Staats, Judy & Mike Eilers Back Row L & R: John & Amy McNamara, Riley & Martha Kothmann, Marsha & Brian Bratton, Cathy & Mark Ledder, Debbie & John Ghidoni

Mike and Judy Eilers our Fredericksburg Sector Couple would like to welcome the newest team to their Sector, Fredericksburg TX 5. Their Meet and Greet meeting was February 10, 2019. One of the couples, Riley and Martha Kothmann (back row, 2nd couple from the left) have previous Teams experience and waited until there were enough couples to establish Fredericksburg TX 5, but have been acting as the Sector Communications couple for the last several months. Teams truly appreciates that type of commitment!

West TX/NM Region

San Antonio Responsible Couple Training











North TX/OK Region

DALLAS English Sector

Dallas English Sector Retreat

Annual Retreat that was at the Nazareth Retreat Center in Grand Prairie, TX in January. The Nazareth Retreat Center has beautiful grounds with great accommodations. Our retreat was led by Sister Mary Louise, a resident there along with a group of nuns.



DALLAS Spanish Sector

Dallas Spanish Teams





East TX/LA/AR Region

Social and Prayer Gathering









Teams of Our Lady in the St Rose of Lima Parish held a Stations of the Cross and Potluck gathering Friday evening March 29th. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and prayer. Five Teams are active at St Rose, and a new team is about to start. Also attending were Father Rafael, Mike and Trice Towns (Regional Couple), and Larry and Charla Macicek (Houston Sector Couple). Before the evening closed, Charla and Larry made a request for more Pilot couples and a personal invitation to the upcoming National Conference in Camp Allen in July.

Teams 80th Anniversary Meetings

HILLSBOROUGH, FL Sector



Lutz, FL Team 3: Dr. Jorge & Luzma Trujillo RC, Jess & Tabitha Louke, Mike & Michelle Miller,

Patrick & Nicole Poff



Lutz, FL Team 4: Jeff & Bobbi Turner RC, PJ & Elcy Crespo,Tim & Kitty Whitehurst, Not pictured Alex & Carolyn Espinosa,



Carrollwood, FL team 8: Rene' and Sue Morissette RC, Jorge & Millie Cruz, im and Mary Reciniello, Kevin & Denise Dwyer, Tandy & Dottie Vinson

Sector Team Meeting



HILLSBOROUGH, Fl Sector

Deacon Peter Burns, Jorge & Luzma Trujillo, Kitty Whitehurst, Faye Baryol, Brieann Papp, Bobbi Turner, Valerie & Gil Morales, Nilla Leto, Sue & Rene' Morissette, Jorge & Mille Cruz, Tim Whitehurst, Fred Baryol Sr., Fred Baryol, Jeff Turner



Hillsborough, Florida Sector welcomes Tim and Kitty Whitehurst (center front) as new Sector Couple February 16, 2019. Also pictured behind the Whitehurst's are Philip and Melissa Mayer, previous Sector Couple and now newly ordained Father Philip!

Teams 80th Anniversary Celebration



<u> Palm Coast, FL Team 1</u>

Palm Coast, FL Team 2



New Team 7 Commitment Ceremony

(blending of Team 7 and team 8)





PALM Coast,FL

SECTOR

Teams 80th Anniversary Meetings

FT.MYERS, Fl Sector



<u>Ft. Myers, FL Team 1</u>



Ft. Myers, FL Team 5

Sector News

Ft. Myers Sector Team has been working hard planning their first SectorRetreat for the Fort Myers/North Port/Venice Sector, to be held on September 28, 2019. 27 Couples have already registered to attend!!!!! In addition to a new team started at St John XXIII in October ('18), they are starting another team at Our Lady of Light in May ('19).

Teams 80th Anniversary Meetings

JACKSONVILLE, Fl Sector



<u>Jacksonville, FL Team 1</u>



<u>OP, FL Team 1</u>

Marriage Fair

(Holy Spirit Catholic Church)







FT.MYERS, FL Sector

Fort Myers, Florida Sector holds Sector Team Meeting January 4, 2019.



Fort Myers, Florida Sector invited the Regional Couple and we found 19 fit in a selfie!!!

MIAMI, FL Sector



Miami, Florida Sector holds 1st Responsible Couple Training Session January 12, 2019, and all 4 responsible couples were present as well as their sector team.



ORLANDO, Fl Sector

Orlando, Florida Team 01 went on a pilgrimage March 2, 2019 to the oldest city in the nation, St. Augustine, Florida. Pictured in front of Father Lopez statue (First priest who celebrated Mass at Mission of Nombre de Dios) with the Great Cross in the background to commemorate September

8, 1565 and the beginning of the "New" World.



Orlando, Florida Team 01 on March 2, 2019 also visited The Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, the first Marian Shrine in the U.S.

PINELLAS, Fl Sector



Pinellas, Florida Sector welcomes Joe and Donna Zeoli (center front) as the new Sector Couple

Attending Mass as a Team



Team 1: Ivan and Alejandra Figueroa / Raul and Natalia Infantes / Fabio and Camila Cristino / Michel Gunther)



Team 2: Arturo and Carolina with kids / Olga and Julian with kids / Francisco and Rina with kids)

Monthly Special Meeting



Team 4: Sabina and Jean Baptiste / Susy and Steven / Father Cid / Charbel and Anne-Catherine / Violaine and Geraud)

Monthly Special Meeting

(Team 3)

MIAMI, FL Sector



Letter From the Editor





Everywhere you look there are signs of new life. The grass is green, our garden is planted, and our flowers are blooming. Our hope in the resurrection is confirmed. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. *John 12:24*

We have been blessed with an abundance of fruit serving as your South Province Communications Couple for the past 3 years. Over those three years we have seen the South Province grow bigger and bigger and even new regions added. Our position has helped us build intimate relationships that we will never forget! All the stories and pictures we collected over the years gave us a sense of presence outside our own team and helped us better connect within the larger movement that Teams offers.

We thought the Easter Season would be a great opportunity for us to plant a seed for everyone in our South Province. There's a time for everything,.... now, It's time for us to pass the torch on to the next South Province Communications Couple.

As this will be our last newsletter as editor, we want to thank everyone who showed us such great love and support along the way. All the gifts you have shared with us will remain in our hearts always.

We ask that you prayerfully consider this role in Teams. If you feel called to this endeavor, we know you will be rewarded with God's grace and love just as we have been.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

You will continue to be in our prayers.

Peace,
Philip and Jena Bissaillon
Philip and Jena Bissaillon
To every thing there is a season,
a time to be born, a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time of war, and a time of peace.

Couple Challenge

Bible Easter Trivia



1. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during His Triumphal Entry, what was He riding on?	2. How many times did Peter deny Christ?
(a) a set of the se	A. Two times
A. Horse	B. Three times
B. Camel	C. One time
C. Donkey	D. Four times
D. Chariot	
3. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple Peter?	4. What was the Jewish feast being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
A Malabira	A Destaced
A. Malchus	A. Pentecost
B. Alexander	B. Passover
C. Matthew	C. Firstfruits
D. Rufus	D. Unleavened Bread
5. What did the soldiers offer Jesus to drink while on the cross?	6. For how many pieces of silver did Judas betray Christ?
A Exit lutes	A. 10
A. Fruit juice B. Water	B. 20
	C. 30
C. Vineger D. Wine	D. 40
D. Wille	D. 40
7. Who carried the cross for Christ?	8. What color was the robe that the Romans placed upon Jesus?
A. Simeon	
B. Simon Peter	A. Purple
C. Simon of Cyrene	B. Green
D. Thomas	C. Yellow
	D. Brown
9. In what was Jesus wrapped before he was buried?	10. Who rolled away the tomb stone?
A. Sheep skin	A. Soldiers
B. Linen clothes	B. God
C. Golden robes	C. Jesus
D. Goat skin	D. Angel
11. What was the name of the man who requested Jesus' body for burial?	12. For how long did Jesus remain after his resurrection before he ascended into heaven?
A. Tito	A. 7 days
A. Tito B. Nicodemus	B. 14 days
A. Tito B. Nicodemus C. Jonathan	B. 14 days C. 40 days
A. Tito B. Nicodemus	B. 14 days