



Teams of Our Lady

Magnificat

A newsletter for married couples published by Teams of Our Lady - USA

It has been an exciting summer for Teams! On behalf of U.S. Teams we met with Teams International Leadership virtually in July, the U.S. Super Region Team met in person and met virtually with the U.S. Super Region College (U.S. Leadership and all Regional Couples) which were hosted from St. Paul, Minnesota. Teams also provided virtual National Sector Couple training for new and existing Sector couples which was attended by 76 couples and included eight small-group breakout sessions. It is exciting to meet, pray and experience the love of our beautiful Movement through the eyes of couples who have said yes to serve their fellow Team members. We know the Spirit is alive and well in the US Teams.

We are excited about this year's study topic The Christian couple leaven of renewal for the family and society. The materials are available for pre-order now to be shipped as soon as printing is complete. To order printed copies please send one order for each team with the language (English, Spanish or Portuguese), quantity and shipping address to Materials@TeamsOfOurLady.org.

This theme immediately brings to mind the scripture verse from Matthew 13:33 "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." It is so appropriate for Team members and our Movements goal of seeking holiness. Isn't Christ's wisdom amazing in this short parable? Yeast is an almost microscopic organism that's impact can be seen once allowed to work in a batch of dough. With a little warmth, the dough can expand beyond the bowl where it resides. If you punch it down, it will continue to expand again.

Isn't that like us when the warmth of Christ truly touches us. We go beyond what we were before and become something new. Even when punched down, we come back again. Who hasn't felt punched down, but we are something new when Christ is within us.

That is why we get excited to see and pray with all the couples who have the love of Christ and love of our Movement in the various meetings and training we participate in. When the opportunity arises, and it will, we encourage each couple to trust our Lord and say yes to serving our Movement since every role is important. As we return to normal activity, a role that is especially rewarding is Piloting a new Team. All roles may seem daunting but like the parable of the leaven, it only takes a microscopic amount that is truly shared with Christ's warmth to be a Movement overflowing to all parts of life and society. We encourage each member in Teams to be leaven in your heart, your marriage, your family, in our Movement and in the world. It only takes a little leaven to leaven the whole batch.

God Bless,

T.J. & Ellen
Super Regional Couple



**USA Super Regional Meeting
July 28 - August 1, 2021
Minneapolis, MN**

Fall 2021



"Each and every time we started our piloting we were renewed! We felt as if the Holy Spirit had come into our marriage and gave us a boost which came with it new enthusiasm for our own Team, as well as the new Teams we were guiding. Meeting with new Teams helped us to grow tremendously in our Faith and Spirituality and allowed us to guide other married couples to a new found love for our shared faith and for each other. We look forward to continuing piloting new Teams in the future, in our Sector to keep our own fire burning!"

Gilbert and Marilyn Miguel
Hanford, CA Team 6, Fresno
Sector, Western Region



"Eddie and I truly enjoy piloting new couples in Teams for the joy of watching them grow in faith and love under the guidance of Our Lady."

Eddie and Dore Carranza
Houston, TX Team 16
East Tex Region

Applications Now Being Accepted for "The Best Job" in Teams

What is the best job in Teams you might ask? Quite simply many couples say that it is piloting a new Team! And we couldn't agree more! It is very exciting to witness the formation of new Team.

We have several areas where new Teams that are ready to begin, but there are not enough pilot couples to lead them.

Here are the qualifications for being a pilot couple:

- 1) Been an active member of Teams for three years.
- 2) Show a love for Teams.
- 3) Good listener, patient and non-judgmental
- 4) Organized
- 5) Ready to share your Team Journey with others.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Pilot Couple, please email info@TeamsOfOurLady.org or call us at 281-684-5927!

Recently we had an opportunity to pilot a new team. It was a rewarding experience in many ways. On a personal level, it gave us a chance to grow as a couple by relying on each other as we worked together to prepare as a pilot couple. More importantly it allowed us to put our trust in God to guide us as the piloting unfolded.

Stepping out into something new can be scary, but it was well worth the time and energy. We were blessed within this new team. We witnessed spiritual growth, community, wonderful insights, and discussions, with this vibrant faithful group of Catholic couples we now call friends!

Drew and Erin McNichol, Orchard Park NY Team 1, Lake Erie Region



Karen and I were initially reluctant to serve as a Pilot Couple, but those fears and trepidations quickly faded away after our first meeting with the new team. We were once again given the wonderful gift of meeting and slowly falling in love with other couples who are striving to live out their marriages sacramentally. By the end of the Piloting period, we did not want to leave these new friends, but that is part of the gift also - knowing that God had worked through us to bring others to the point where they could walk on their own in this newfound space called a Team of Our Lady. It was an experience we hold onto and will not forget.

Jim and Karen Dunne, St. Louis Team 1, Central Region



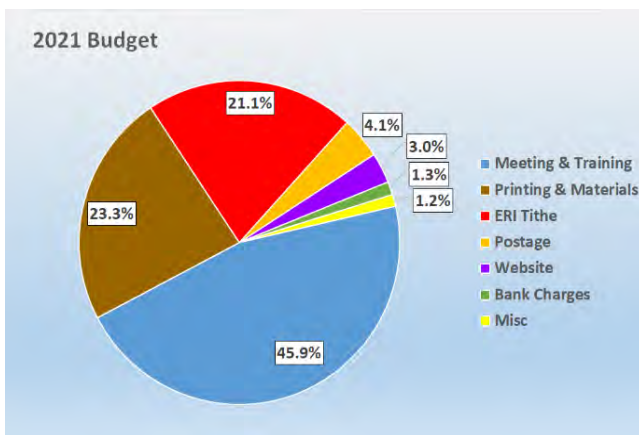
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“Whenever couples practice mutual help and fraternal love, their hearts grow little by little until soon their love reaches their home, their neighborhood, their country, until their love reaches the furthest shores.”
- Father Henri Caffarel

Dear Team Friends,

We'd like to say THANK YOU for your financial support! Without it we could not continue our mission of supporting Christian marriage in the USA Super Region. **Because of your support we have the ability to grow our movement!**

We give thanks for the founding four couples whose hearts burned to increase their married love not only for one another but for a community. We also give thanks for Father Caffarel's openness to the Holy Spirit and to these couples. We give thanks for his life and work. We also thank the Spiritual Counselors and Advisors who walk with each of us in Teams!



With grateful heart we ask each Team member to participate in our annual contribution. The Teams Charter states members are “to give annually, by way of subscription the equivalent of one day’s pay.” Contributions cover annual expenses such as the website, printing materials, postage, training

and the tithe assessed by the International Leading Team (ERI) based on a country’s GNP and membership numbers. This tithe helps to support the Teams worldwide movement.

We also want to share the overview of the Teams Finances from last year. The total contributions were down about 3% overall, but expenditures were also down considerably. Our budget for the coming year is based on the contributions of the previous year. The inserted pie chart illustrates our goals for this year! We aim for 100% participation from all couples! If we do our part, God will ensure that our mission of supporting Christian marriage will successfully continue.

We are providing a donation envelope that allows you mail in your gift (Do not send cash). Please update any personal information and mail it back to the Teams office. Other giving options include giving online or through bill pay (this allows you to spread one day’s pay over 12 months). Donate online by logging into the Teams’ website at www.teamsofourlady.org/contributions. Logging in ensures donations are recorded properly. Teams also accepts stock donations. Please contact info@teamsofourlady.org for more information. For our Team members who are over 70.5-year-old, the IRS allows you to make gifts from your IRA without being taxed on the withdrawal. Talk to your IRA custodian to do this properly.

T.J. and I, along with Steve and Glynis, cannot thank you enough for your service, love and devotion to our movement! We hold each of you deep in our hearts through prayer.

We remain in service to Christ through Mary,

T.J. and Ellen Holt
Responsible Couple for USA Super Region

Steve and Glynis Strum
Finance Couple

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Is Christian Marriage Leaven in the world?

It is certainly counter-cultural. Marriage trends in the US continue downward. Forty years ago there were 10 weddings per 1000 people; in 2000 the rate was about 8; in 2018, the last year for which we have the number, there were just over 6. The number of young adults of marriage age who are married is the biggest factor. This trend follows that of other developed countries like Japan where this decline is even more pronounced.

Christian Marriage is a great treasure. Pope Benedict in a homily on the wedding reading, 1 Cor 13, said, "For only in the willingness to begin again constantly, in the ability to be magnanimous over and over and to see and recognize the original goodness, in a willingness to forgive and to put up with faults, does true great, mature love grow. Only therein does a person himself become broadminded and mature, pure and great." Marriage leads both man and woman to mature love, our ultimate goal and fulfillment. We are made in the image and likeness of God who is perfect love. To be conformed to anything else but love is a fundamental failure. To become like God, to become love, is glorious. "The Glory of God is man fully alive," wrote St. Irenaeus. Marriage invites both man and woman to commit to loving the other, to become great, to become like God.

As you live out the sacrament of marriage, you are leaven in the world. As you meet with your team, you strengthen each other in married life, you help each other be leaven in the world. If the world does not affirm you, appreciate you or understand you, look to Jesus. You are witnesses to him and his kingdom. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." Mt. 13:33



*Father Brian Eilers
Super Regional Spiritual Counselor*

WHY PRAY FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER CAFFAREL?

There is no simpler answer than to say: "We desire that everyone discover the love God has for them, because life means being loved by God and responding to his love. We want couples to have the Joy of living better because of God's Love and for them, to Bear Witness to it in the world, and we want all Christians to discover the richness and treasure of contemplative prayer."

Mark your calendars for September 9, 2021 for the opening video of an audio-visual Novena of prayer from September 10-18, 2021 celebrating the 25th anniversary of Father Caffarel's death. The Novena will be available on the International Team's web site at Equipes-Notre-Dame.com and consist of 9 daily videos (September 10-18) accompanied by a proposal of prayer and intentions related to the theme of the day. Each video will contain an audio/video extract of Father Caffarel focusing on the theme of the day. The presentation will allow each participant to hear Father Caffarel's voice, meditate on his words, and share with others the impact that Father Caffarel has had in their life.

Finally, your donation to the Friends of Father Caffarel have helped further Father Caffarel's canonization process. Many documents have been completed and the complete collection of the Positio should be completed by the end of 2021. But more work needs to be done. The next step will be the study of the Positio by the two Commissions of the Congregation for the Cause of Saints, one consisting of Consultants and the other of Cardinals. Proposed by the latter, the acknowledgment of the heroic nature of his virtues would then be proclaimed by the Pope.

You can make your annual renewal of membership/ or make an additional contribution under the tab Fr Caffarel/Friends of Fr. Caffarel on the Teams of Our Lady webpage. Simply follow the instructions under the title: "FRIENDS OF FATHER CAFFAREL ASSOCIATION". We greatly appreciate your support!

Paul & Monique Harris, Friends of Father Caffarel
Liaison Couple



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This is not a replacement for annual contributions just an easy supplement.

The Rule of Life...UGH!

I have been blessed to be a part of Teams of Our Lady Movement for all of my priesthood, 34+ years! Sharing with the couples in all the Teams I have been a part of has enriched my life and brought me the gift of life-long friends. From the Teams of Our Lady Movement has come some amazing parish leaders and collaborators in my ministry as a pastor. I cannot say how grateful I am that the Teams of Our Lady Movement has been a part of my life.

The Endeavors that are the foundation of our movement, have challenged me to grow as a priest/pastor and a more faithful disciple of Jesus. But of all of those Endeavors the one that has most challenged me has been the Rule of Life. As you all know, the purpose of the Rule of Life is to focus on an area of our life where we want to grow. It can be an area of personal growth or a need in our relationship as a couple. It can be an element of our life we want to change or enhance; but the idea is that we make it a focus for a month ...or a year... as needed.

I don't think I have ever shared with my Team what my rule of life was, but having to "report" on it each month has kept it as a focus in my life. For me, the Rule of Life has usually focused on an area that I was struggling with or needing a bit of conversion. Some months I have joyfully celebrated with my team that I had an "A" on my Rule of Life. Many months I had to admit a "C" in my rule. What has been consistent is that having this element in my life has demanded of me an effort to improve who I am, with the grace of God.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage all of our couples to not shy away from this Endeavor. It should be challenging. It can be frustrating. But if it is attended to regularly, it will produce the fruit of ongoing growth. We are, each of us, as individuals and couples, works-in-progress. Our loving God is never "finished" with us because our perfection will only be achieved when He takes us into His loving arms! Be faithful in choosing your Rule of Life. Update it as needed. Even if you never share what it is, don't be afraid to share your success and struggle around it with your team. And don't be surprised that one day you wake up and find you have made progress!

Praise God for the Teams of Our Lady Movement! Fr. Henri Caffarel, pray for us!

Fr. Dan Avila
 Spiritual Counselor for the Western Province

The NEW 2021 Study Topic is NOW available



The new study topic is available on our website! For digital use download with our QR code, at

TeamsOfOurLady.org/study_materials or can be ordered from our materials couple. The new study topic is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. To order your books email materials@teamsofourlady.org.



Team Tri fold has a new look and is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese!!! Requests can be made to materials@TeamsOfOurLady.org.

Have you ever logged into TeamsOfOurLady.org?

Are you wondering what your record has in it? Have you changed your phone number, or maybe moved? This article will attempt to help you log in.

First, using your favorite web browser visit TeamsOfOurLady.org and look in the upper right corner for a padlock with Member Login button. Clicking this button will take you to a page at TeamsLive.EWebLife.com/prm/Teams where you will see another Login button in the upper right on the page. You will see a blue button with the label "Login Instructions" which will open a PDF file with more details about logging in.

Click the button in the upper right to reach the actual login page.

Once you reach the login page enter your email address and password. If you forgot your password there is a link to reset your password on that page. Once you are actually logged in you will have the opportunity to update your profile information.

To view any information in your profile you can either click the "My Information" link at the top of the page or the "View My Profile" button a little way down the page. If you need to change any information in your profile; click the Homepage button on the top left and then the "Edit My Profile" button a bit down the page.

When you edit your information, be accurate, as the edit is taking place on the live database for Teams. Also, note that there are two sections to your profile information.

One is called "Personal Information" and the other is "Additional Information". Each can be expanded with the double arrows in a circle on the left.



A Fond Farewell

Fr. David Gaines, spiritual counselor for Spokane - 1, held newborns from Spokane 1 & 3. Now transferred to Walla Walla. He will be dearly missed!



Assisting the Homeless

Ron and I have volunteered for many years at Immanuel Shelter, a local homeless shelter in Lewes, Delaware. Last year their lease was not renewed, so to accommodate those in need, they rented rooms from a nearby motel. This year Immanuel Shelter is out of the picture, as they are trying to buy a building for a permanent shelter. But, when one window closes, another opens.

A Sheltering Heart, a non-profit, started by Toni Short, R.N. took over. Toni already runs a transitional house for ten individuals and took on this task so that area homeless would have a warm, safe place to stay. People were sleeping in tents, cars or at friends' places. Now they have warm beds, showers, meals and are safe! Toni arranges nightly dinners for adults and children, solicits donations, helps with transportation, health needs, job searches, etc. We are so inspired with her dedication. She once was homeless after an accident. Her lifelong mission has been helping the homeless and we are blessed to help.

The COVID Pandemic has made everything more difficult for our area homeless. There is no socialization which is so important for all of us. Individuals pick up their meal and bring it back to their room. Children are schooling at the motel. The high school is providing lunches for them. Communities, churches and individuals are providing dinners and needed items such as baby products, hygiene, paper-products/plasticware, canned and packaged food, detergent, etc. I'm in charge of our local community efforts which has been making monthly dinners. I and another lady have a bin on our porch for people to put donated items in. We try to help with getting money donations. For Christmas many people bought gifts for the children. A special dinner was served and children said it was the best Christmas they ever had!

This has been a blessing in disguise! Local residence never realized we had homeless in this area since we live in a beach town. They were more than happy to help in any way. This has really brought people together during a time when we are in so much isolation!

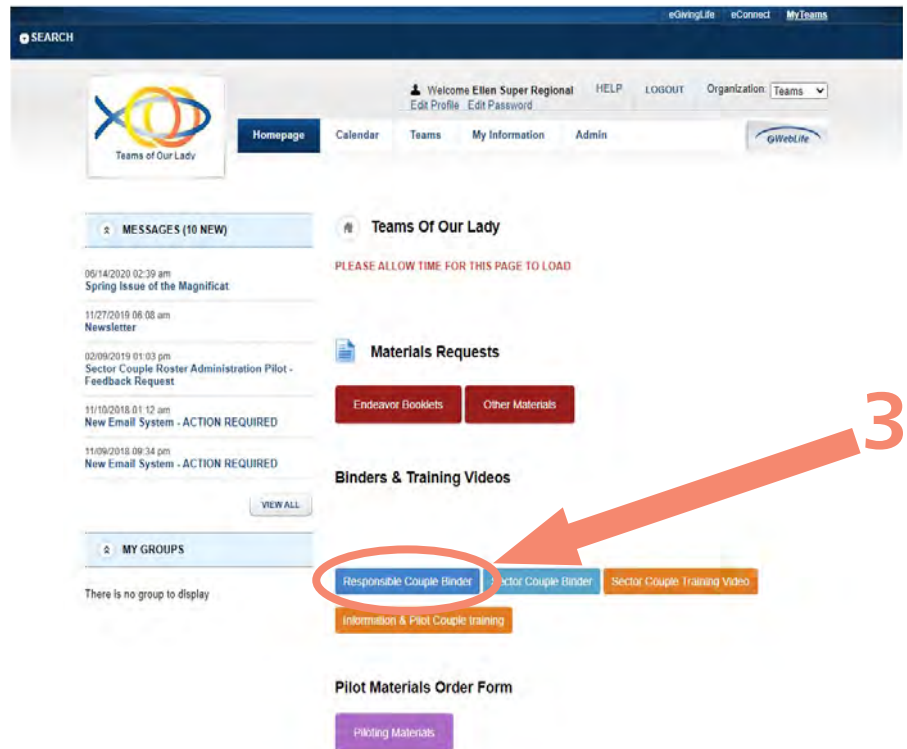
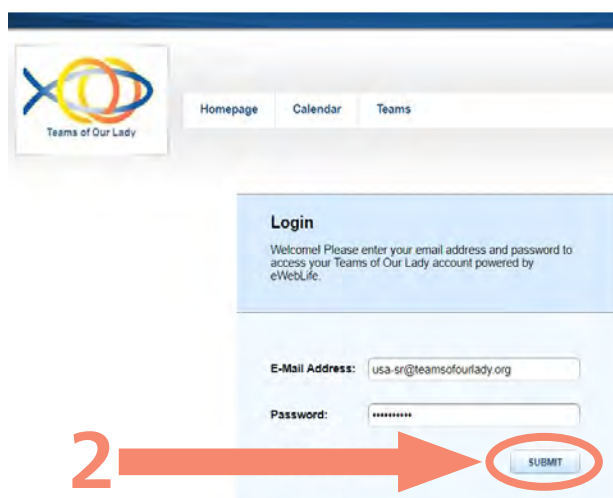
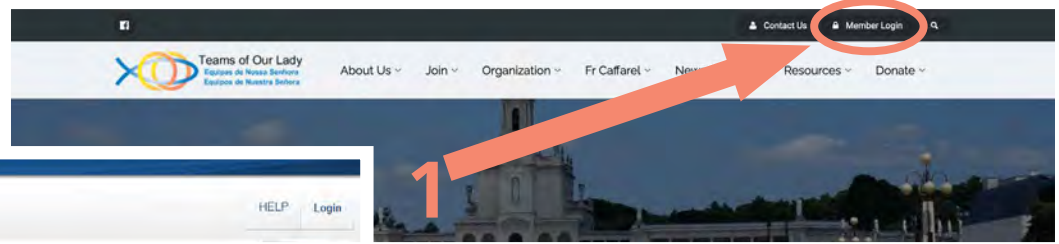
Ron and Bev Stoner - Henlopen, Delaware 1 Team/Delaware Sector/Mid-Atlantic Region/East Province

How long has it been since your Team's Responsible Couple (RC) binder has been updated? Now is the time!

Semiannually the pages in the front of the binder are updated. We have just posted an updated which is posted on the Teams website.

You can access the update by going the Teams website – TeamsOfOurLady.org. On the front page of the website, sign into with your members login.

This is the member sign in section.



After you sign in look for the Responsible Couple Binder. Then look for the Responsible Couple binder. Click on this tab, then you can print out all the NEW material for your Teams RC binder.

Here is a list of all the book that should also be included the RC Binder. The item numbers make it easier for the correct material to be ordered and shipped.

Books within the Responsible Couple Binder (RCB-G)

Item #	Description
MC	Blue Magnificat/Endeavor/Responsibilities Cards
FC	Fr. Caffarel Prayer card
G2018	Guide of the Teams of Our Lady (2018)*
H2018	History of the Teams of Our Lady (Fatima 2018)*
T9	The Team Meeting (Revised 2019)
RC1	The Team's Responsible Couple (2015)*
PR1	The Priest Counselor and the Spiritual Accompaniment in Teams (2017)*
ES-G	Endeavor Set Group (Set of 8 Books)
B2	Teams Tri-fold (2021)

If you have questions, please contact the Materials Couple at materials@teamsfourlady.org or info@teamsfourlady.org

"From time to time, our faith becomes weak, yet through God's Word it re-awakens, strengthens, and acquires life again. In retreat it becomes possible to open ourselves to the breath of the Word of God." - From Fr. Henry Caffarel

In person retreats begin again!

The Fresno Sector was blessed to have their annual retreat held at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Hanford. There were 28 couples registered for the in person retreat! Guest speaker was Deacon Stephen Valgos and the weekend's theme was "A Life of Virtue". There were 4 enriching talks and everyone learned more about the theological, human, and cardinal virtues. The blessed weekend included Adoration, Mass, and a sit-down. The next retreat is scheduled for March 4-6 2022 at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Three Rivers.



Members of Spokane 1, in Washington enjoyed their first retreat which was guided by their Chaplain Fr David Gaines and utilized the virtual talks from the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) 2021 SEEK Conference.



Save the Date! November 6, 2021

Western Regional Day is coming!! Saturday, November 6, 2021 at St. Peter Church, Lemoore, California. World Ablaze founders John & Nicholle Sablan, and Deacon John Sousa will be speakers for the day! Mark your calendars!

Limjocos flourish in Pandemic

Uriel and Carolyn Limjoco (Western Region, Hanford Team 11) have a special tradition while driving. "We get in the car, with our prayer list, and just start praying, thinking about those people on our list, and being thankful for all the beautiful things that we encounter on our daily ride and talking about things that matter," said Carolyn. Carolyn drives while Uri brings the list and leads the prayers.

Sitting with Uri and Carolyn, there is a warm welcome, a couple at Peace, and making every day count! One would never believe that Uri was in constant pain and living on what the world would call "borrowed time", but what believers would say is God's timing. It has been three years since Uriel was diagnosed with spine cancer. He has outlived his prognosis by two years.

Married for 57 years they have written screen plays, raised six children, and worked as a US Navy Surgeon. During the past year, the Limjocos found the joy in writing together again, Uri and Carolyn have written seven books! Dusting off the Cytokine screenplay from the shelf, together the Limjocos got to work transforming this Pro-life murder mystery into a G rated book with a plot line that is suitable for all ages. They also published, "The Popes – A Brief Synopsis (from Peter to Francis)", dedicated to Fr. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, and Fr. Henry Caffarel, (Both books available on Amazon.) Their next publication will be "Kauchmin Karleq" – meaning Katherine (German) My Love (Swedish) – a love story much about the Catholic Church.

Being in Teams of Our Lady has helped to keep Uri & Carolyn close spiritually. At Sector Retreats, one commonly finds Uri playing the piano. Their Team also goes on Family "Retreat", Since the rest of the couples have young children, Uri and Carolyn provide entertainment for the children (hiking, gaming, prayer) while their parents have time to themselves. "We've grown as a couple from all of our Teams experiences," Carolyn reflects. Their closest children and 23 grandchildren live 300 miles away, so Team 11 is their local family. "We are like grandparents to those children!"



Is it possible to have a Team's retreat and a family vacation simultaneously?

Our team found that it is! We recently booked cabins at the Holy Family Land in Bloomingdale Ohio, former Steubenville University seminary campus location. A Catholic organization called Apostolate for Family Consecration (AFC), provided everything we needed for a combined spiritual retreat and a great family vacation, during the same week!

The mornings started with personal and communal prayer, followed by Holy Mass including homilies related to personal spirituality, family life, and a formative talk (professors from Steubenville University are often invited speakers). The talk to the adults focused on faith growth, parenting and spousal relationships. Meanwhile, the children and youth go to their own classes, grouped by age and gender. In the afternoons, family could spend time at the pool, confessions, volleyball, chess tournaments, baseball games, etc.

One of the highlights for us was time around the campfire with our Team members. We shared what we learned and discussed the retreat topics while the little ones roasted marshmallows and played tag around our cabins. We felt spiritually re-invigorated, friendship bonds with our team members increased and wonderful friendships sparked among our children during that week.

Another couple shared that their teen daughter cried because she did not want to come to the retreat, then cried afterwards because she did not want to leave.

We found that it was an easy way to keep our retreat endeavor alive while showing our children that we are not the only "crazy" ones who live out our Christian principles. All these needs could be met at the same time, have family fun, strengthen our team relationships and get closer to Jesus!

Rene and Vanessa



In January 2020, seven eager couples and an enthusiastic Spiritual Counselor commenced an adventure as Burke VA 02. Two months later, when Covid closed churches and meetings, they grew closer, adding weekly rosaries (sharing highs, lows, and prayer intentions) to their monthly Zoom meetings. That year, with six in-person and six virtual meetings, they learned the endeavors, prayer, study, and more, and with a one-day Team retreat as a significant highpoint. All couples recommitted at the finish. During 2020, the team celebrated the births of two children, with two couples expecting in 2021.

Sandra and Lou
Volchansky, Pilot Couple



As busy, homeschooling, parents of four young children it is very easy to end up as two ships sailing in the night. The sit down pushes us to carve out a space for frequent vulnerability and checking in. Many times it seems like you just had a sit down but there is still much to share. Before Teams we learned that if spouses fail to communicate, communication usually comes in the form of a blow up. The sit down may not always be pretty either but it's regularity creates a forum to prevent a buildup of anger. We have greatly grown and benefited from our sit downs. We've learned about our marriage, ourselves, and asked God to join our mess.

We both think that the sit down endeavor enables the development of relational skills beneficial to everyone. We've even brought some principles of the sit down into our family prayer time. On Sunday evenings we added a 'share time' to family prayer. Each person in the family gets to share about their week without interruptions. Teams has brought much to aid our lives and one of the best parts has been the sit down.



North Province

Central | Lake Michigan
Midwest | North Central



Thank you to all who attended the Sector Picnic in Fargo, ND, on Wednesday, August 4. We had a great turnout 200+, and a wonderful evening (it only sprinkled for a few minutes)! Many thanks for the hard work of Fargo Team#8 who prepared the meat and organized everything for the Sector while taking care of their 29 children! It was great to see our sector's couples with their beautiful families there, and to know that we are all in Teams of Our Lady because we want to lead holy lives, and have holy marriages and families that glorify God! May this year in Teams help us all to grow in holiness and lead our spouses closer to heaven!



Welcome to the new North Province Couple, Jim and Debbi St. Louis. They live in Ballwin, Missouri, where Jim works for Washington University in St. Louis and Deb is a licensed massage therapist. They have been married for 29 years and in Teams for 10 years. They have three children, Shannon, 24, Daniel, 21, and Grace, 18. We are looking forward to working with them on the USA Super Regional Team.

We would like to say THANK YOU to George and Mary Klostermann, who are retiring as the North Province Couple. They have done an outstanding job of representing Teams, not only in the North Province but in the United States. Their love, understanding and compassion for Teams is one to be emulated.



We are pleased to welcome Gerard and Linda Michael, the new Midwest Regional Couple, to the USA Super Regional Team! The Michael's live in Toledo, Ohio and were installed in June, 2021. We sincerely appreciate their "YES" to service and look forward to working with them on the USA Super Regional team.



Mark and Patty Conway are the new Central Regional Couple. The Conway's have been members of Teams in Des Moines, Iowa since 2005. They have 4 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

Mark & Patty will celebrate their 40th anniversary in October this year. They have previously served as Sector Couple and Information Couple for Des Moines and piloted a number of teams over the past several years. Mark is a retired banker. Patty has been a stay at home mom. They are looking forward to meeting many more Teams couples in the Central Region and all the sector couples.

South Province

West TX/New Mexico
North TX/Oklahoma | East TX
Louisiana/Arkansas | Southeast

On Sunday July 18, 2021, Mike and Beatrice Towns, the South Province couple, installed Mark and Teresa Roseland as the new sector couple for Kingwood TX Sector A. The installation was after the 11 AM Mass at St. Martha's Catholic where we were able to celebrate.

Mark and Teresa have been married for 25 years, been in Teams for 5 years, and lived in Kingwood for 20 years.

From left to right: Deacon Gary Yepsen, Mark Roseland, Teresa Roseland, Beatrice Towns, Mike Towns, Father Wayne Ly. Mark and Teresa's son Matthew was our photographer.

Thank you, Mark and Teresa, for saying yes to Teams!



National



Please help us welcome Alexandre and Erica Gruer in a new position to the USA Super Regional Team. They will be assisting and coordinating with the Team of volunteers who will be helping with all translation needs of the International Leading Team and here in the USA Super Region.

Erica and Alexandre moved to the states three years ago from Sao Paulo, Brazil. They are now members of the Detroit North #12. Married for 20 years they were active members in Teams and youth ministry in Brazil. They have two daughters Julia (19) and Rafaela (14) are students; Julia is currently attending Oakland Community College and Rafa will start her Freshman year at Rochester High School next fall.

Alexandre and Erica are very proud to be part of the Teams of Our Lady family, and appreciate being welcomed with so much love by their Detroit #12 Team!

We are so appreciative of their "yes" to serve our community in such a special way.

West



Spokane 2 had their 8th pilot meeting today. They decided to conduct this meeting on Anne & Kevin Thomas' boat at Priest River. The day was beautiful, the meeting was blessed, and the boat gave out! The Bonner County Sheriff came to our rescue! All in all it was a fun, relaxing day!

North

On April 25, 2021, at St. Gerald Catholic Church. Tony & Sue Plaza installed Nicole Florez and Mike Thompson as the new Sector Couple for Omaha, NE. A special thank you to Fr. Marcus Knecht who is the Spiritual Counselor Nicole and Mike's Team.

From left: Tony Plaza, Sue Plaza, Fr. Marcus Knecht, Nicole Florez, Mike Thompson



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Did You Know?

1. Teams of Our Lady was started in France by Father Caffarel and 4 young couples who wanted to deepen their spirituality on February 5, 1939.
2. 24% of US Teams members contribute financially to the movement. Our goal is 100% participation.
3. Once a couple has been in Teams for at least 3 years, they can start piloting new Teams!
4. Teams has a National Facebook page at [Facebook.com/TeamsOfOurLadyUSA](https://www.facebook.com/TeamsOfOurLadyUSA)
5. September 10 starts a Novena to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Father Caffarel's Death.

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