



Teams of Our Lady

# Magnificat

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

## WINDOW PANE

In Lent, as we prepare ourselves for Easter, we may want to consider something familiar. Something we see every day. A simple pane of glass.

There are almost infinite varieties of glass, including annealed, tempered or stained glass. All have properties that make it unique and created to be suitable for its specific purpose. Underlying it all, glass is highly valued since you can see through it. You can see something of the world on the other side so it less of a mystery and seems closer, safer and more inviting.

Houses have long made use of glass to not only see outside but to let light in. We relish in the light these creations can add to our experience. The world around could be windy or cold but the warmth and light that shines through a window pane is very desirable.

However, for glass to perform its best, has to be clean inside and out. Freshly cleaned windows seem to glow in their ability to let light in. Who hasn't noticed the difference of looking through dirty eyeglasses or sunglasses versus the same glasses after a fresh cleaning?

Upon reflection, isn't all this similar to our purposes as Christians and member of Teams of Our Lady? Our light is Christ. Aren't we all supposed to let him shine through us? Jesus is the light of the world and we are his creation, unique and suitable for the purpose created. As we prepare for Easter, and everyday Christian life may we be the best glass we can be.

May we all be freshly cleaned glass this Lenten season and let the light of Christ show through us this Easter and at all times allowing others to see Christ and experience his warmth and light through us.

God Bless,

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*Lent 2024*

# US TEAMS OF OUR LADY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

We are excited about the future of our Movement! Teams invested heavily in the future of the Movement via face to face training with 46 couples called the Sector Experience. We also printed a record number of this year's study topic with over 1,500 copies printed and distributed. Many other materials were printed to benefit our members. We also want to highlight some financial impacts that show the generosity of members giving since our average gift per donor was up 7% and total revenue was up 1%.

Please continue to pray for our Movement and service couples so we can help lead Teams world-wide in growing again. Please consider sharing the beauty of your Teams experience with other couples by piloting a new Team or serving in a role to support existing Teams.

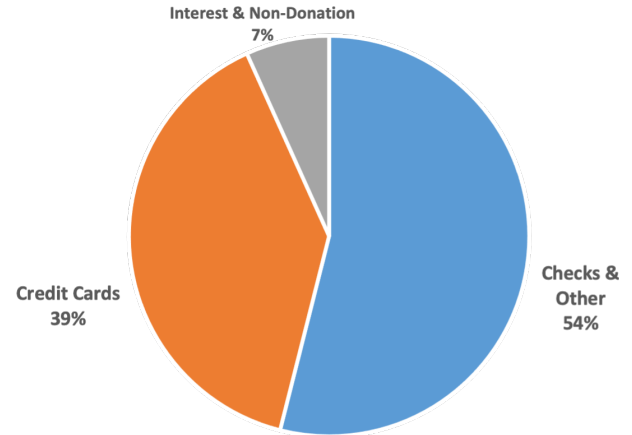
## YEAR AT A GLANCE

<b>Couples:</b>	3,556
<b>Teams:</b>	724
<b>Spiritual Counselors/Advisors:</b>	278
<b>Average per Donor:</b>	\$246.20
<b>Percent Donating:</b>	23.7%
<b>Cost of Piloting a new Team:</b>	\$340.00
<b>Cost of Salaries:</b>	\$0.00 (100% Volunteer)
<b>Translation Team:</b>	46 Books / Documents Translated
<b>Member Donations to Friends of Father Caffarel:</b>	\$971 (reported for 2022 905 Euro)
<b>Intercessors:</b>	24 couples praying or fasting for the Movement
<b>Study &amp; Pilot Materials Printed:</b>	6,050 Books, 7,500 Brochures, 500 Magnificat Cards
<b>Member Material Shipments:</b>	354
<b>Magnificat Newsletter:</b>	2 editions with 5300 copies printed & mailed

# 2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

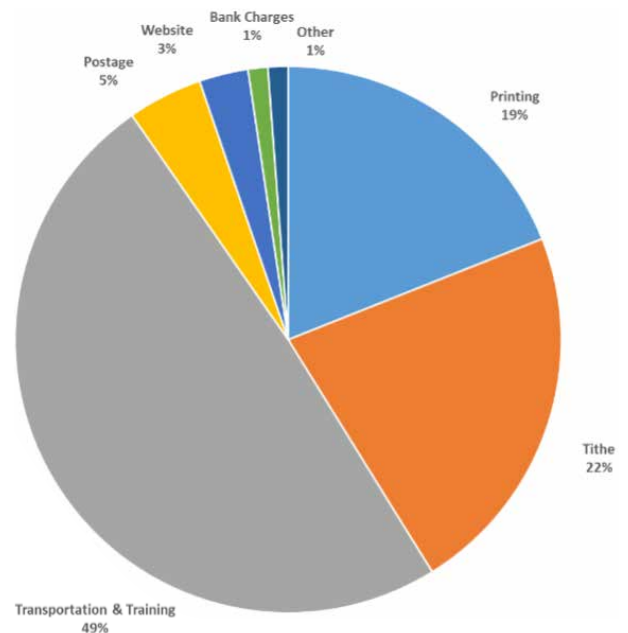
## INCOME

<b>Checks &amp; Other</b>	\$ 151,741
<b>Credit Cards</b>	\$ 110,605
<b>Interest &amp; Non-Donation</b>	\$ 18,960
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 281,306
<b>BUDGET INCOME 2023</b>	\$ 280,000

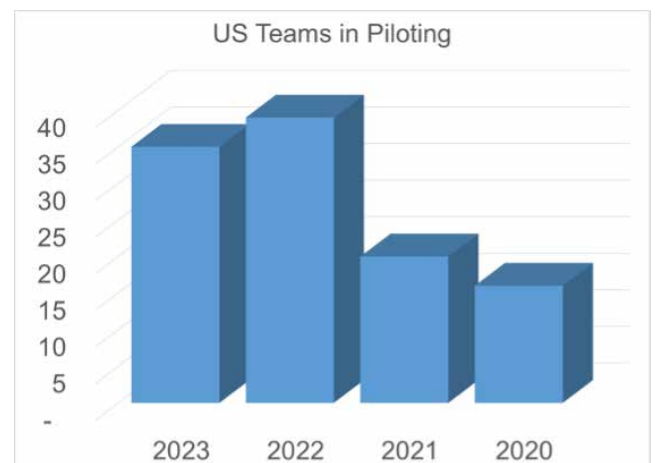
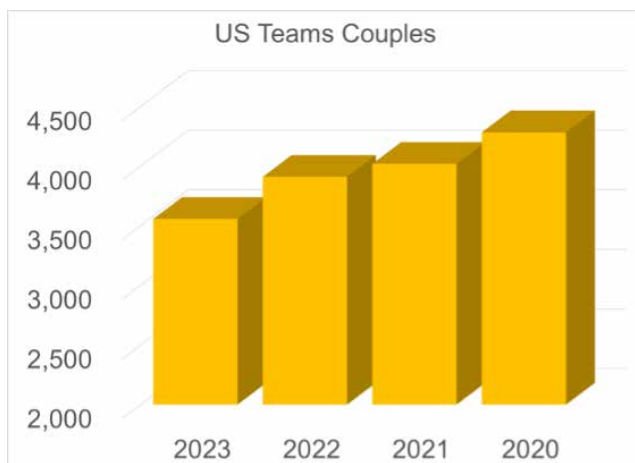


## EXPENSES

<b>Transportation &amp; Training</b>	\$ 175,587
<b>Tithe</b>	\$ 79,255
<b>Printing</b>	\$ 67,906
<b>Postage</b>	\$ 15,849
<b>Website &amp; Computer</b>	\$ 10,386
<b>Bank Charges</b>	\$ 4,171
<b>Other</b>	\$ 4,273
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 357,587
<b>2023 BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	\$ 299,525



## OVER THE YEARS



# USA SPIRITUAL COUNSELOR

Dear Teams of Our Lady,

As we enter the season of Lent and prepare for Easter, I encourage you to go deeper in your spiritual life. We live in such a noisy world filled with so many distractions that prevent us from spending time in prayer and meditation. **Make time for Jesus!** Some ways I recommend spiritual growth are reading spiritual books, like **Jesus of Nazareth**, by **Pope Benedict XVI**; any books by **Ronald Rolheiser**, any books, or encyclicals by **Pope Francis**; or one of your favorite spiritual writers; **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, with this year being the **National Eucharistic Revival** in the United States, spending time in Adoration during Lent; meditating with daily devotionals and journaling or navigating through online platforms like **FORMED, Hallow, or Augustine Institute** to find content about family life and marriage. Our Tradition is rich with many resources available to us all. Even priests must continually learn and grow each year in our faith formation. May God fill you with His peace and blessings this Lenten season and look toward the Easter season of rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In Christ, Fr. Elias Lopez, Super Regional Spiritual Counselor



## REFLECTIONS ON A NEW TEAMS WELCOME CELEBRATION

We joined teams six months after getting married, after having been part of Young Adult Teams of Our Lady for several years; it was a very natural transition. After the year of piloting we attended a NTWC where we met several other newly formed Teams and were able to spend some time with our own Team as well. It was a great refresher and opportunity to learn from other Team's strategies in building intentional relationships and to see the Teams of Our Lady movement as a whole.

- George & Roxy Aguayo, Fresno 8



Entering our second year with Teams of Our Lady, we attended a NTWC. Even with a year of piloting, clarifying the endeavors was beneficial. The event was filled with fun, prayer, fellowship, and good food!

Interacting with other couples and learning from their experiences reaffirmed that we're not alone in our pursuit of holiness within marriage. Witnessing couples worldwide living out the Teams movement's charism reminded us that a holy Christian marriage is possible in our broken world. We're thankful for everyone who shared their experiences.

One notable aspect was realizing that perfection isn't expected in pursuing the endeavors. They're meant as challenges for growth in virtue and strengthening our relationship with God and helping our families draw closer to heaven.

We enjoyed the humorous skit which depicted common struggles in meetings. It was relatable and brought levity to the event.

- Jorge & Jennifer Lopez, Hanford 6



This past Fall, my husband and I attended the NTWC, and it turned out to be a great day full of both new and familiar faces. We learned a lot about the history of Teams, as well as the various local, national, and international levels, thanks to some wonderful presenters. We delved deeper into the "why" behind Teams, the structure of meetings, and heard about struggles teams face that we could relate to.

Before the celebration, we were asked if we would host a couple from out of state at our home. Though it seemed intimidating at first, we agreed. The couple was very nice, and we enjoyed getting to know them better during car rides and conversations at home. We would definitely encourage anyone asked and able to consider hosting a couple for these events!

During the celebration, we met many couples from local teams and some from out of state. Small group discussions allowed us to meet new faces, debrief, and learn from each other's experiences.

Our biggest takeaway was hearing about the initial obstacles and struggles other teams faced, which we could relate to. Overcoming similar challenges, like scheduling and feeling connected, is an ongoing process for us. We appreciate the insights shared during the celebration, as they highlighted the importance of commitment and the fruits it brings to Teams.

- Mark & Kimberlie Foster, Fresno 7



# South Province

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



On January 7th, four Teams at Plaucheville, La. meet for a first annual recommitment ceremony. The event included Mass, Team's recognition, recommitment, and a meal gathering. So great to see Teams flourish in this small central Louisiana town.

## Whitehouse 01 (Tyler, TX) Annual Retreat

We had our retreat January 12-14 at Deer Lake Cabins in Mount Vernon, TX. Our team name is Whitehouse TX 01. We had a great time at a lake house. We went to an escape room together, hiking, paddle boating, mass, and sat around a fire pit in the evenings. We prayed the liturgy of the hours together. It was great.



Installation of the new Miami Sector Couple in October 2023 - Mitchell & Elmer Gunther.

Mass on Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Miami Beach FL.



## New Spanish Teams !



First Spanish Team being piloted in Jacksonville, Florida. Piloting Couple: Chad & Raquel Tripp are also the Liaison Couple for Pre-Sector Jacksonville. Jacksonville has been rocking with 4 new piloting teams in their area!



First Spanish Team being piloted in Georgia, Gainesville. Piloting Couple: Gloria & Pedro Jaramillo travel every month from South Carolina to do this piloting.



# West Province

North West  
West



## First West NTWC Held in Fresno!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Clovis, California was host to the first West Province NTWC gathering. Invited Team Members were treated to breakfast and lunch, fellowship and motivating talks.

Not only did participants experience the spirituality and collegiality of the Teams Movement, but were informed and inspired by interactive activities with other couples, culminating in the Holy Mass. Many hands make light work – Thanks to Fr. Michael Andrade, George Aguayo, Knights of Columbus, Hanford Portuguese Sector and Ken & Liz Zelsdorf, Hanford, CA 14 for making all the accommodations and meals so inviting!!

## Spokane Washington Gathers, Prays and Plays!

In January, couples and families from the Spokane, Washington Pre-Sector gathered at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral. They began with Mass presided over by Rev. David Gaines, Spiritual Counselor for Spokane 1, who also offered insights and prayers throughout the event. Following Mass, they enjoyed a potluck dinner and social, followed by a fun version of the Newlywed game. Children were welcomed for dinner and then were cared for in an adjoining room. The event included learning about the history of Teams, as well as getting to know fellow Teams couples through games and conversations. It provided a great opportunity to strengthen bonds within the community while fostering growth for the Movement and its members.



## New Sector Couple holds Arizona Sector Event

New Phoenix Sector Couple Ched & Nannette Salacek Phoenix AZ 01 started their new Sector term by hosting an Installation gathering at St. Joan of Arc Catholic parish hall. A good group of Team members and their families gathered to enjoy some Chipotle and congratulate & encourage their new Sector Couple!

Fresno Sector to Host a Bunco Night - All Sector Couples are invited! April 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in Holy Spirit Church, Monsignor Logan Hall. Learn more - [teams.fresnosc@gmail.com](mailto:teams.fresnosc@gmail.com)

## Turlock CA 05 Celebrates 40 years as a Team!

In 1983, Turlock CA Team 5 made a commitment to embark on a journey together! It began with five couples, three of whom - John & Maria Ourique, Eleuterio & Niveria Soares, Jose & Maria Sousa - remain. Despite the loss of Luis Azevedo, his wife Virginia continued with the team for some time, now joining for special occasions. Joe & Connie Madruga have since joined the team.

Maria Ourique emphasizes the importance of sacrifice, persistence, commitment, and the grace of God in keeping the team together. The dedication to family prayer has been inspiring, with one couple even managing meetings despite owning a dairy operation and had very long hours and hardly had any days off, but never failed at a meeting. We often had our meeting in the evening and the husband would have to get up to go to work at 3 in the morning but he never complained. We are like a family, praying for each other and willing to assist when needed. Maria also shares how the team functioned as a supportive family, with older children of other couples often looking after her younger ones, forging strong bonds between families still talked about to this day.







### Leandros Serve Turlock 4 Sector

Frank & Anna Leandro, married for 30 years this April, have been part of Teams for 9 years. They have a son, Marcus, getting married in June, and a daughter, Emily. Frank has worked at Turlock Irrigation District for 25 years, while Anna serves as the Director of Religious Education at Holy Rosary Church in Hilmar.

As the newly appointed Sector Couple, they are eager to visit each team in their Sector to understand their needs better and provide support. Their focus is on strengthening existing Teams and fostering the growth of new ones. Frank & Anna emphasize the importance of Teams in a world that challenges marriages and families. They see Teams as a source of encouragement, where couples come together to pray and support one another. They believe in the transformative power of Teams and aim to spread awareness about its benefits to more couples and families.

### John & Maria Ourique, New Turlock Portuguese Sector Couple

Thank you Ouriques for saying YES to Teams! John & Maria met at Our Lady of Assumption Parish while they were in Youth Group and were married there. They joined the Teams of Our Lady Movement 40 years ago in 1983, just after three short years of Marriage! Now they have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. Their daughter Sandra and husband Roger Sousa are now also in Teams (Hilmar CA 01).

As a Sector Couple they hope to be a source of communication and encouragement to Teams and be attentive to their needs. "Teams have been a Blessing in our married life and has helped our Spiritual growth as a couple. The testimony of other couples inspires and touches us every day. The endeavors are a way to discipline us in prayer, scripture and communication. We are truly Blessed to be part of such a great movement!"



### Western Region Hosts Annual Regional Day!



Seminarian Mike Kelly and parents



Fresno Regional Speaker Ben Seitz

### Western Installations



Over 140 Team members attended this thought provoking event. Deacon Ben Seitz addressed the English Teams, speaking on "Marriage & Family Spirituality: Relationship, Identity, Mission". Deacon Ben, a member of Teams of Our Lady from North Dakota, delivered an inspiring speech. Deacon John Souza spoke to the Portuguese Teams on "Holy Spirit: The Soul of the Church is the Soul of the Teams of Our Lady". Seminarian Michael Kelley, son of Teams members Cindy & Kevin Kelley, shared his discernment journey and call to Holy Orders. The Western Region Couple, as well as the Turlock 1 Portuguese and Fresno Sectors, were installed during the event. The US Super Region Responsible Couple were honored guests. Contributions were collected and presented as an Offertory gift at the concluding Mass.





## New Western Massachusetts Sector Couple

Gloria & Gary Bourbeau were installed on October 1, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Church in Ludlow, MA. They are flanked by East Provincial Couple Deacon Dave & Carol McCaffrey and New England Regional Couple Michelle & Joe Lawler. A number of couples from different Teams in the area were able to join them in the celebration.

Since then, there's been notable activity in New England. Gloria & Gary promoted Teams on a local Catholic radio station and gave talks at St. Elizabeth's Church. Both leading to an Information Meeting soon. The Bourbeaus and the Lawlers also spoke at Our Lady of Fatima Church and will meet with the Bishop of Springfield, MA, seeking support for identifying interested priests and spiritual directors.

Additionally, they'll speak about Teams at the Cathedral of St. Michaels in Springfield after the First Friday Mass in April. The Western Massachusetts Sector recently held its first Sector Potluck dinner, attended by couples from three of the four Teams.



## Javier & Patricia

We are Javier & Patricia Orellana, married for 33 years, and members of Simpsonville 06S in Greenville, SC, joining Teams in March 2020. Teams have been a blessing in our lives; the study material is a treasure, and we're learning a lot. Our Team is more than just a team; they are our second family. They are truly special people with whom we've shared tears and laughter, and they pray for us sincerely. We decided to join Teams to continue nurturing our marriage, working through the Endeavors, and seeking holiness with God's help. Special thanks to Florentino & Beatris Rodriguez, Richard & Alba (R.I.P.) Schemainda, and Alvaro & Olga Lucia Barbosa for introducing us to Teams.

## A Sit Down Day and Sector Couple Installation

St. Joseph Shrine in Stirling New Jersey was a beautiful setting for a Metro NYC Region gathering. They installed a new Sector Couple, Marcia & Adriano Campos for the Mount Vernon, NY Sector. The day was also planned as a Sit-Down Day, allowing families to enjoy a beautiful autumnal day, letting the children play in view as the couples relaxed and had their monthly sit-down. Couples came from both the Newark NJ Portuguese and Mount Vernon NY Portuguese Sectors. There was plenty of time for the couples to share Teams' experiences during lunch and other times. There were talks about the Endeavors and couples were encouraged to share their testimonies.



## LEE 05 on Retreat

It's time for some truth-telling. Our team has struggled with the endeavor to make a yearly retreat. We've been a team for 15 years, and getting away for a weekend always seemed so difficult when our children were little. We did attend several day-long Teams retreats in the past, but we had never gone away for a weekend as a Team. Wow. What we've missed! We met at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Maryland and were rejuvenated by the quantity of time together. We attended adoration, watched a series on the Eucharist and discussed it, had time with our spouses, and celebrated as a Team. It was a wonderful weekend away, and we urge you to learn from our mistakes...Schedule an annual retreat!





## Father John Dillon

Congratulations on the 25th Anniversary of your ordination! We are deeply grateful for your generous gift of time and attention to Teams of Our Lady, first as a Spiritual Counselor to individual teams, then sector, region, and now Spiritual Counselor for the East Province. The QR code is a fun interview on his early life and priesthood. Father John Dillon is a treasure for the Church and for Teams.



## New Coastal Regional Couple

Alicia & Oscar Cruz were installed as Coastal Regional Couple on January 27. The afternoon began with an introduction of the new parish priest, Fr. Stephen Dias, RC. Dave McCaffrey presented a slide show on new developments in Teams internationally and locally. Oscar & Alicia were installed as the new Coastal Regional Couple, with Deacon Nestor Acosta giving the blessing. Team members shared their experiences with the group, followed by prayers including the Rosary, the Prayer for the Canonization of Father Caffarel, and the Magnificat. The event concluded in time for Saturday evening Mass in thanksgiving.



## Immaculate Conception Celebration

Simpsonville hosted a Family gathering to honor Our Lady. They prayed the Rosary, blessed their food and feasted. After their meal, the Teams took turns, each singing a song to the Virgin Mary. You may be able to see in the background the finale: praying the Magnificat and prayer for the Canonization of Servant of God Henri Caffarel. They finished the celebration with the Holy Mass.



## A Summit? What's That?

Our Super Region Couple, TJ and Ellen Holt, organized a Summit to invigorate and update Teams. Hosted by Charlotte Sector Couple Kevin and Lisa Gray at St. Matthew's Church in Charlotte, NC, the afternoon meeting included members from Coastal Region Teams. The gathering featured informative updates on Teams organization, mixed team sharing, and plenty of ideas. While the goal of having one couple from each sector wasn't fully met, attendees from various areas, including Virginia, Raleigh, Simpsonville, and Charlotte, joined in. After a Saturday Vigil Mass, attendees gathered at a local restaurant to further connect. The Summit sparked enthusiasm and determination to share Teams of Our Lady in local communities, resulting in new leadership commitments. The event proved fruitful, inspiring more information meetings, encouraging people to pilot new couples, and deepening understanding of Father Caffarel's Team structures.

## DID YOU KNOW?

A series of videos are posted on the Teams website where couples share their experiences with the Member Responsibilities and Endeavors. An awesome video from Fr. Dan Avila about how we can strive to be like Mother Mary in our "yes" to Team Life.







## Ordination to the Diaconate

Just four months into becoming a Sector Couple for the Fargo ND Sector, Dennis & Lisa Ouderkirk celebrated a momentous occasion. On December 2, 2023, Dennis was ordained into the permanent diaconate. Bishop Cozzens ordained Deacon Dennis Ouderkirk at St. Joseph's Church in Moorhead, MN.



## Installation in Dubuque

Mike & Tina Moes were installed as the New Dubuque Sector Couple on Sunday December 3, 2023. Father Dan Knepper who has been in teams many years assisted in the installation. We had a nice reception after mass. We want to thank Joe & Carrie Mauss for their years of service as the previous Sector Couple, and look forward to Mike & Tina's leadership.



## New Sector Couple in Twin Cities

On October 29, 2023, Jeff & Lynn Korman were installed as the South Metro Twin Cities Sector Couple! The ceremony was held at All Saints Catholic Church, in Lakeville, MN, after the 9AM Mass. We thank Jeff & Lynn for the "YES" to serve in this leadership role. We thank Fr. Wilson for his service as Team Chaplain, and Lyle & Mary Kay for their "YES", and exemplary role model and mentorship, guiding Jeff & Lynn in this transition.



## Sector Couple Installation in Kansas A

Jim & Moogie Roeder were installed as the new Sector Couple for Kansas A on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at Annunciation Catholic Church in Frankfort, Kansas. There was a great turnout for the installation and we all enjoyed a luncheon at the parish hall afterward. Father Reggie Saldana assisted in the installation. We want to thank Jim & Moogie for their "yes" and we look forward to the leadership they bring to the Teams in Kansas.

## Sector Day and Sector Couple Installation

The sectors of Toledo and Maumee, OH hosted a Sector Day on November 18, 2023. Over twenty couples attended along with two priests who have supported the Teams, Fr. Jim Brown and Fr. Frank Eckart. We also welcomed Fr. David Nuss, pastor of the hosting parish, Christ the King. We were happy to celebrate the Installation of Lynne & Jordhan Gardner, the new Sector Couple who will lead the newly combined sector.



## The Inaugural Bismarck Team Reflects On Their First Year!

- The structured study plan provided a platform for in-depth discussions about faith, fostering profound conversations about their beliefs.
- They appreciate the opportunity to grow in faith as a couple within a community of like-minded individuals amidst the challenges of society.
- Their faith was bolstered through increased commitments such as weekly Eucharistic Adoration, daily Mass attendance, and regular Scripture reading and prayer together.
- The fellowship and support from other couples within the team, despite knowing each other for only a year, have been invaluable, fostering an environment of openness, encouragement, and growth.
- The organization has exceeded their expectations, providing the support, inspiration, and spiritual growth they desired.





A - Mark & Patty Conway install  
Melissa & Bob Zaegel



## Two New Sector Couples in St. Louis

We were overjoyed to install two new sector couples on October 8 in St. Louis. Bob & Melissa Zaegel were installed as the Sector Couple for St Louis Sector A, they have been active in teams for many years including serving on the New Team Welcome Celebration Team. Cameron & Jeanne Bond were installed as the Sector Couple for St Louis Sector B at the annual sector picnic shared by both Sectors. We also presented a small thank you gift to the two previous Sector Couples, Thom & Peggy Oliver (Sector A) and Dan & Karen Laposha (Sector B) We appreciate their service during a very difficult term from 2020-2023. We look forward to the leadership of both couples in the St. Louis Sector.



B - Mark & Patty Conway install  
Jeanne & Cameron Bond

## NTWC in Des Moines

The Second Central Regional New Teams Welcome Celebration took place in Des Moines, IA, on October 14, 2023, with over 20 couples. Thanks to Brian & Ann Moylan, Jeff & Madeline Meyer, and Stuart & Paulette Gardner for organizing the event. Father Michael Amodeo, Team 3 Spiritual Counselor for 29 years, delivered an inspiring talk. We were honored to have Father Matthew Luft and Father Daniel Adjei join us for part of the meeting. We welcomed new teams from Des Moines and Marshalltown, IA, which just completed piloting. Thanks to all who contributed to the planning and hosting of this gathering. We hope all attendees felt the spirit of the larger Teams of Our Lady community and enjoyed connecting with committed couples from the greater Des Moines area.



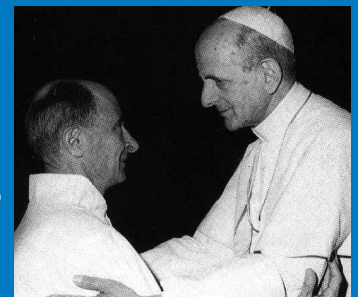
# FATHER CAFFAREL: A LEGACY OF LOVE & HOLINESS

In February 1939, Father Henri Caffarel convened a small gathering of four couples, marking the humble beginnings of a global movement that would shape the lives of countless married individuals. Amidst the looming threat of World War II, these couples fervently sought God's guidance for their marriages, igniting a journey towards holiness previously believed to be exclusive to those living celibate lives.

Driven by a sense of urgency, they engaged in deep conversations and prayers, eventually leading to the inception of Father Caffarel's monthly letters and the publication of "The Golden Ring" in 1945. Post-WWII, a charter was established to guide these couples, emphasizing the pursuit of Christ's love and spiritual growth. Father Caffarel's wisdom, conveyed through newsletters and reflections, continues to inspire, prompting efforts to translate and republish his works. Themes such as marriage's connection to the Eucharist are explored, revealing profound insights into the sacramental nature of marital love.

We're actively pursuing the translation and publication of more of Father Caffarel's books into English. "At the Crossroads of Love" has already been translated with the assistance of an English translator in France, and it's been submitted to Ignatius Press for publication. Additionally, efforts are underway to republish previously translated but now out-of-print books such as "Being Present to God" and "Letters on Prayer," last published in 1983, along with "Marriage is Holy" and "Love and Grace in Marriage." Our aim is to make as many of Father Caffarel's works available in English and publish them in the United States.

Acknowledged by Popes John XXIII, Paul VI, Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis, Father Caffarel's contributions to marriage and pastoral work have been widely recognized. The journey towards his canonization as a saint is underway, with the Vatican accepting the Positio in 2022, awaiting further evaluation by theologians and cardinals. Father Henri Caffarel's legacy endures as a beacon of love, faith, and holiness, offering guidance to couples seeking spiritual enrichment in their marital journey.



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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

In the Magnificat newsletter of January 1996, this note from Mother Theresa, now Saint Theresa of Calcutta, was published.

### From Mother Theresa to the India Regional Couple

Dear Thomas & Kunjamma Malayil,

*This brings you my prayer and God's Blessing on the occasion of your 40th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless you and give you many more years of a happy married life. May you grow closer to each other in a love that gives and sacrifices.*

*Keep close to our Blessed Mother Mary and she will always protect you. Our special love for her and your efforts to spread devotion to her is most pleasing to her and her Son, Jesus. God loves you - love others as God loves you.*

*God bless you,  
Mother Teresa,  
Missionaries of Charity  
Calcutta, India*

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