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## TEAMS OF OUR LADY

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*Upcoming*

### EVENTS

**Portland Sector A Sector Retreat**  
March 10-12, 2017  
March 2 - 4, 2018

**Portland Sector B Sector Retreat**  
October 6-8, 2017

### MEETINGS

#### Informational Meetings-

St Anthony Parish ... tba  
St John the Apostle Parish  
-Sunday, Nov 20th at 2 pm  
Resurrection Parish  
-Sunday, Dec 4th at 4 pm

#### Portland Sector B Service Meetings -

Sunday, Nov 6, 2016  
1 to 3 pm at St John the Apostle

*For all young, single adults*

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## 2016 Regional Day, Oct 8th

*Living the Sacrament of Marriage  
with the Grace of Mercy & Forgiveness*

Featuring Guest Speaker,

Brother Cyril Drnjevic, OSB

Mass with

Archbishop Alexander Sample

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all who helped to make Regional Day a success!!! A special thanks goes out to Laurens & Linda Johansen for their donation of catered box lunches for all participants and guests, to the staff at Resurrection Parish and the choir members for their support and music, and to our TOOL couples who spent countless hours in preparation for this event! Finally, a big thanks to Archbishop Alexander Sample and to Brother Cyril Drnjevic, OSB for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in our Regional Day.







## *Christ Mercy Shines upon Teams of Our Lady*

Married couples from throughout the Archdiocese and beyond gathered at Resurrection Parish on October 8th to celebrate *Living the Sacrament of Marriage with the Grace of Mercy and Forgiveness*. Although the event was primarily organized and sponsored by and for *Teams of Our Lady* couples, Resurrection Parish opened their doors and hearts and many in the parish helped make the event a huge success from child care, to music directors and choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, and staff alike. It was truly a “family” event.

Brother Cyril Drnjevic (OSB) from Mt Abbey led much of the day long event, providing deeply reflective and inspiring marriage related talks on both “Living in Mercy Through the Eucharist” and “Living in Mercy through Spiritual Healing From Jesus.” Along with the talks, small groups of 4-5 couples met for discussions and sharing on Brother Cyril’s reflections. Couples were certainly moved by Brother Cyril’s dialog on of the life of Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, the parents of Saint Therese of Lesieux. The message was and is clear—“Sainthood is not beyond our reach as married couples.” Couples in Teams strive to all journey together on that common pathway towards holiness. Teams welcomes more Catholic married couples to “Come Journey” with the movement on that pathway.

Notwithstanding, Archbishop Sample celebrating Mass was a highlight of the gathering. Couples were also blessed to have Father Bill Moisant (Pastor Resurrection Parish), Father Dick Rossman (Teams Regional Spiritual Counselor), and Deacon Chuck Amsberry concelebrate. Children of Teams couples assisted in serving the Mass, brought forward the Gifts, and filled the front of the church with their parents. All were provided additional blessings as the Mass of the Day had a focus on Mary, the Patroness of *Teams of Our Lady*. *Teams of Our Lady* couples strive to mirror Mary in their daily life by saying “yes” to the will of Christ. *Teams of Our Lady* is a Worldwide Movement of Catholic Married Spirituality where all are called, in their daily lives, to be the light of Christ’s mercy in the world.

*Paul & Monique Harris  
Northwestern Regional Couple*



## News from Sector A

More interest in Teams is being seen throughout the Sector. Theresa Schierman, along with Paul & Monique Harris, invited couples at St Anthony Parish in Tigard to learn more about *Teams of Our Lady* at the parish's Ministry Fair on Oct 16. There is also interest in Teams from Spanish-speaking couples at St Luke Catholic Church in Woodburn.

Several couples who attended the Rosary Bowl in Salem expressed their interest in *Teams of Our Lady*. This is the first time TOOL has sponsored a table at the annual Rosary Bowl. It was great meeting couples from Corvallis, Milwaukie, Salem, Mt Angel, Silverton, etc, who expressed interest in Teams and yearn to deepen their faith.

### Portland Sector A Couple

*Gerard & Anna Deblois*  
(submitted by Paul & Monique Harris)

## News from Sector B

Portland Sector B Couple coming to a parish near you!

Stephen and I will be visiting churches on Sundays that do not currently have TOOL. Every parish has a "personality" and attending Sunday Mass is a casual, but effective way of getting a glimpse of that personality. Following our visit each Sunday, we will meet with the Pastor of that church to give him an introduction to TOOL and begin a dialogue to build interest. Once there is an interest, we will have an Informational Couple give a presentation to that parish and begin recruiting couples to form new teams.

If you have friends or family from other parishes that might be interested in *Teams of Our Lady*, give us an email, (at [nancy.a.anderson.naa@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.a.anderson.naa@gmail.com)), with the name of that church and we will put it on our Visiting Schedule. In addition, when you come across a couple that wants to inquire about TOOL, please pass on their contact information to us.

We are blessed to be members of this movement, and we want other couples to have the opportunity to experience the goodness of *Teams of Our Lady*. Keep in touch with us!

### Portland Sector B Couple

*Stephen and Nancy Anderson*

## News from Boise, Idaho

Roger & Lynn Porzig traveled to Meridian, Idaho, to begin the pilot process with a new Team in the Boise area. Six enthusiastic couples met at the home of Jake & Yesenia Ineck for the first meeting and really embraced the spirit of Teams during that meeting. The couples know each other and are about the same ages. This had the effect of bringing the group together on a deeper spiritual journey. Jake & Yesenia have done a fantastic job of spreading the word about *Teams of Our Lady* in the Boise area. There are three additional Teams getting ready to start very soon.

### Informational Couple

*Roger & Lynn Porzig*

## Celebrate!



### Portland Sector A Anniversaries

#### October

Portland 1	Deacon Chuck & Carol Amsberry	Oct 1, 1988
Portland 7	Steve & Jen Mahoney	Oct 13, 2007
Portland 8	Jim and Carissa Raleigh	Oct 25, 2003

#### November

Portland 2	Robert & Mary Gonzales	Nov 4, 1989
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#### December

Portland 2	Mike & Dede Grosso	Dec 17, 1994
Portland 4	Richard Oulette & Reina Pelaez	Dec 12, 2002
Portland 5	Martin and Ana Keim	Dec 21, 2002
Portland 1	Mike & Peggy Flanigan	Dec 21, 1985
Coeur d'Alene 1	Charlie and Peggy Hodge	Dec 30, 2000

### Portland Sector B Anniversaries

#### October

Oregon City 3	Ryan & Kristin Lillie	Oct 9, 2004
Tacoma 1 WA	Christopher & Allison Kinyon	Oct 10, 2009
Tacoma 1 WA	Jim & Sarah Lubitz	Oct 23, 2010

#### November

Tacoma 1 WA	Trevor & Rebekah Hanlin	Nov 19, 2010
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#### December

Oregon City 3	Tim & Shuana Woodward	Dec 23, 1998
Oregon City 1	Harold & Ginny McNees	Dec 31, 2003

We apologize if by chance your anniversary is not listed here and was overlooked; please contact your Sector or Regional Couple to give them the date of your anniversary.

### New Additions to Our Families!



**Trevor & Rebekah Hanlin, Tacoma WA 01,** welcomed little Esther Mae Louise into their family in May!

**Joe & Anna Skillman, Tacoma WA 01,** welcomed baby boy Blaise Peter Francis on Oct 18th!

**Pat & Mary Sangster, Salem OR 01,** welcomed baby boy Michael Kolbe Sangster born on Dec 15th. We also congratulate them on their new home in Stayton!!!

### Welcome to Our New Couples from Boise, Idaho!!!



**We now have 3 new Teams in Piloting!!!**

**Our Heartfelt Thanks to Jake & Yesenia Ineck!!!** page 3





## Upcoming Events

### INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

July 16 - 21, 2018 - Fatima Portugal

*From To and Zé Moura Soares*

*As the International Leading Couple for the Teams of Our Lady, you announced at the most recent International College at Swanwick that the 12th International Gathering of Team members would be held in Fatima, Portugal, from July 16 to 21, 2018. Can you give us the reasons for choosing this place?*

Fatima was chosen by the Regional Responsible Couples who took part in the International Regional Responsible Couples' Gathering in Rome in 2015. The International Leading Team consulted all the responsible couples present and the Sanctuary of Fatima was chosen with a majority of over 60%.

*What role do the International Gatherings play in the life of the Movement?*

They are important moments when the international aspect of the Movement can be experienced as a whole and when the new orientations of the Movement as defined by the ERI (International Leading Team) every six years can be announced. These orientations are proposals that aim to help the Teams of Our Lady to truly journey together in unity.

*Father Henri Caffarel associated big gatherings with pilgrimages. What do you think of that?*

We completely agree with his vision. To be able to participate in a big Gathering is an opportunity that enables us to nurture and develop the deepest sense of what a pilgrimage is, primarily for couples and then afterwards within the Movement, because it is terribly important to take care of the person who walks at our side.

*Will this next Gathering have a theme and if so, what is it? Can you give us some key words that summarize it?*

There will, of course, be a theme. The ERI (International Leading Team) always uses the Gospel as its starting point and from there tries to respond to the current concerns of the Church and the world. Pope Francis reminded us that Teams couples are called, more than ever, to the mission; but according to our particular charisma and our vocation of love. Therefore, our great concern will be to figure out the role of a true Mission of Love, full of mercy and joy, just like the one we are in particular need of today.

*This an excerpt from the Fall issue of the US TOOL newsletter.*



Click on the link below to view Fatima and sites of past Pilmgrimages.

["https://www.youtube.com/embed/rDIH3t7J4UE"](https://www.youtube.com/embed/rDIH3t7J4UE)



*To and Zé Moura Soares*



## New Teams Meeting

*New Teams Celebration!!!*

The *New Teams Celebration*, (NTC), -as we would like to call the New Teams Meeting, (NTM), is a time for sharing with friends and between the couple, themselves. It is also a time of synthesis that allows reviewing the discoveries made along the first phase of piloting in team meetings. It is an important step for the new teams; allowing greater awareness of the small community and the larger community of the Teams of Our Lady Movement, which is at their service.

At the NTC (NTM) there will be 25—35 couples from 4-6 newly piloted teams at this celebration weekend. The weekend is a retreat type setting and cost will be borne by the couples. The object of this final phase of piloting, is to introduce new teams to one another and to experience the wider movement firsthand. This does not replace the endeavor of the yearly retreat, but acts as the final phase of the Piloting process.

Joining a new team is an experience in our quest to know Christ in our Sacrament. However, the newly formed team and its intimate setting oftentimes leads to the turning in upon itself, which denies our effectiveness and obligation to become part of a worldwide Movement of Spirituality.

In the single team, we give mutual help to our team members, but oftentimes fail to see our obligation to the Movement and to the world at large. This NTC experience encourages us to turn outward toward our fellow man.

The NTC (NTM) is facilitated by 3-4 couples that have been trained to lead the weekend. The four presentations will be:

- ✿ Who guides us—Charisma and mystique
- ✿ Where are we going—life guidelines, mission, witness and service
- ✿ What guides us on the path—Endeavors and Sharing
- ✿ Who is walking with us—Team life and Sharing

During this final weekend of the piloting there will be three mixed team meetings, presentations, time for a sit down and conjugal prayer.

The objectives of the NTC (NTM) are:

- ✿ Provide an encounter with other teams
- ✿ Review the methodology of the Movement
- ✿ Celebrate the commitment of the couple and the team
- ✿ Celebrate the reception of the new teams into the movement
- ✿ Celebrate and strengthen the unit of the movement

The timing and cost of the NTC can be altered somewhat to accommodate the couples with children, cost of location, meals, etc. However, the content of this weekend is very important and needs to be experienced for the piloting process to be complete.

*Rob and Sharla Walsh  
Western Provincial Couple*

### Who attends?

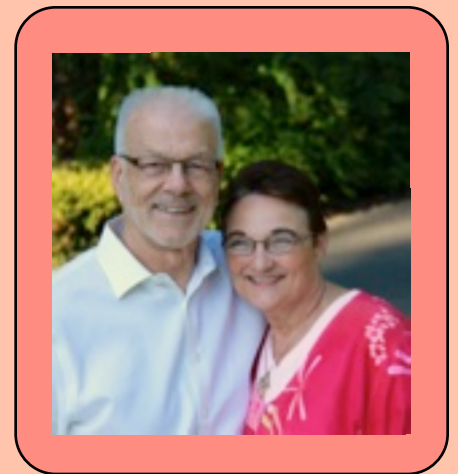
The 4-6 newly piloted teams who have completed their first year of Piloting, consisting of both books of *Meeting Together In Christ's Name*, Piloting I and II.

### Why?

To officially complete their piloting process and to achieve the sense of belonging to something larger than their own Team.

### When?

Over the course of a weekend:  
Friday evening, 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm  
Saturday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday, 8:30 am to 11:00 am  
concluding with Eucharistic Celebration



If you have a prayer request, go to:

[Prayer@teamsofourlady.org](mailto:Prayer@teamsofourlady.org)

## Let Us Remember in Our Prayers...



...for Steve Rainey, Portland-01, who will undergo radiation this coming week, that the tumor will totally vanish from his body. In the last 3 years Steve has gone through radiation and several immunotherapy treatments which have done much to help keep Steve going. Both Steve & Leslie are an amazing and radiant couple who daily give thanks to the Lord for each moment of their lives and have been blest with our prayers.

... for Leslie Rainey's niece Christine who lost her baby two weeks before her delivery date. May the Lord comfort her and the extended family.

...for a full recovery from shoulder surgery for Pat Bredemann, Oregon City-02.

... for Thomas, Pat Bredemann's grandson, who will have a biopsy of a growth on his spine.

### From the TOOL OFFICE:

...Thank you all for your prayers for Fr. Manuel Sousa, US Super Region Spiritual Counselor, who had cancer surgery. We pray for a full and complete recovery, and that he may be able to continue to serve his parish and Teams of Our Lady.

... We pray for all who suffered the ravages of Hurricane Matthew, especially for the elderly, and all those subjected to the terrors of both natural and human disasters....

... Prayer requests: return of my husband to me, to church and my oldest son & family to Catholic Church

I am now 75 and so is my husband, we have been divorced for 40 years or so, both committed mistakes, but believe our Catholic marriage vows are valid, I want to forgive him and take him back...he makes no effort and at times is antagonistic toward me. I want us to go to heaven and forgive everything and want to do God's will. Amen



## *An Election Prayer to Mary*

*O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to  
your loving care.*

*Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of  
your Son.*

*Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you  
from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly  
protection.*

*Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people.*

*Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the  
responsibilities that accompany human freedom.*

*Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and  
threaten the sanctity of family life.*

*Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the  
foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is  
the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the  
pursuit of happiness.*

*O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death  
and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.*

*Amen.*

Finally, we ask all to listen to this powerful homily given by Fr John Lankeit in the link below. Fr. Lankeit said, "there is no single issue that threatens innocent human life more directly, consistently, imminently and urgently than the deliberate killing of baby boys and baby girls in their mothers' womb."

<http://www.catholicsun.org/2016/10/07/cathedral-rector-offers-guidance-for-catholics-in-the-voting-booth-video/>