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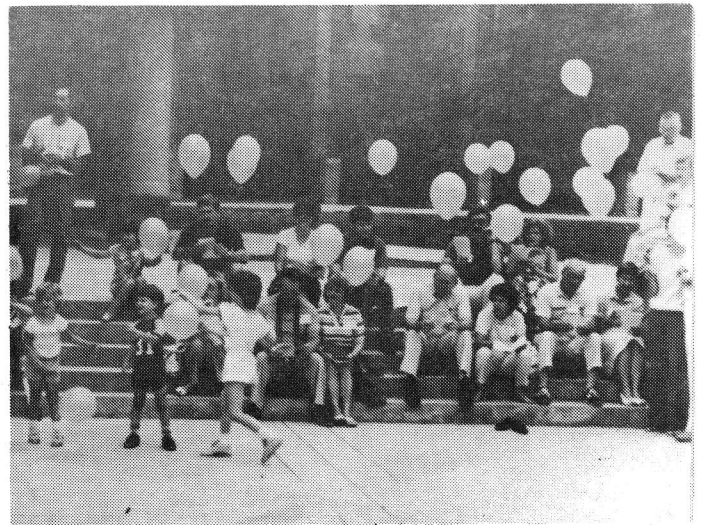
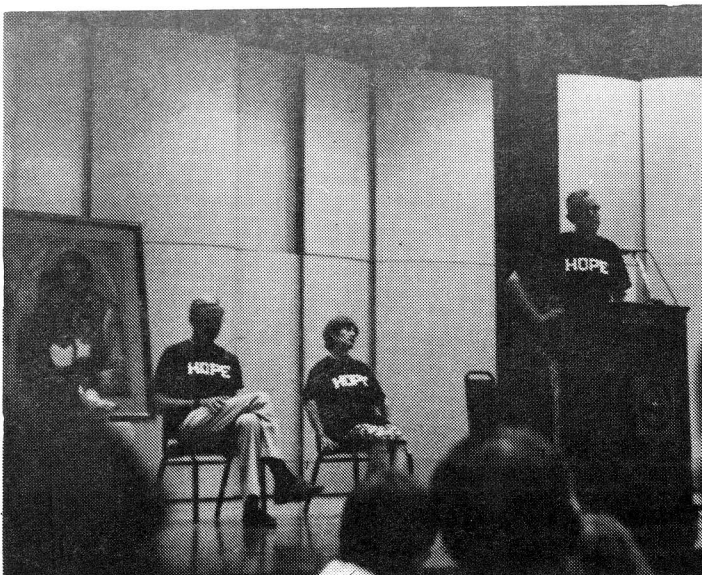
LOUISVILLE '86



Thank You, Chet and Betty Daniel and the Louisville Teams for Helping Us Witness Our Hope!

Fr. Mark Heath, O.P., Super-Regional Chaplain and Fran and Ed Benz from Detroit

We radiated Hope with the release of the yellow balloons after prayers



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Charisms

As we take a few weeks rest from the just completed Louisville conference, we look back across the last few months and we realize just how busy they have been. But what a joy there is in serving the community of Teams and working through our leadership commitment to Christ.

The conference as usual was filled with wonderful happy times and memories. We only wish that we could put the spirit of such a conference into words that we could share with each of you that couldn't attend. The warm welcome and hospitality of the Teams couples from Louisville was something special that had to be experienced first hand. There was no doubt that their caring manner was aimed at making us all feel as family, and that, they did. In short we were blessed by a great set of committee leaders from around the region that worked diligently on the details of their area of responsibility. The general sessions, Team meetings, liturgies and workshops were superbly prepared by willing people who when asked just said, "yes, I'll do it." Our special thanks to all of you who had a role in helping us put on the conference. We can truly say that because of you we witnessed a new hope, your hope that was so ever present at the conference.

As we prepare for the start of the fall Teams year we have several changes occurring in the region. It is always with mixed feelings that we announce the change in leadership, knowing that we will miss the close contact we've had over the last few years, yet thankful for the blessings of their contributions and commitments to Teams. We welcome

Leon and Sandra Hrabovsky who will take over the Louisiana sector couple responsibilities from Ron and MaryAnn LeBlanc. We welcome Mike and Karen Olson as the new Southern Minn. sector couple replacing Bob and Betty Wachowiak. Ron and MaryAnn and Bob and Betty, we thank you and offer our prayers that you will be richly blessed for all you've done.

In addition we are starting a new coordinating sector in the Rochester area this fall to allow for more support and growth opportunities in the areas to the North, South and East of the Rochester sector. Terry and Jean Briggs have accepted the call to be coordinating couple for the new sector and we welcome them to the Central Region Team.

From each of you this year we ask that you will make a special effort to bring a new couple or two to Teams, that we might share the blessings we've found from the community of Teams. As Father Bohlens put it as he welcomed us to Louisville, Teams is the best kept secret in the U.S. and the world needs you, the laity, to make yourself known. Archbishop Thomas Kelly, as he joined us in prayer service, also encouraged us to be active laity reflecting our married spirituality in the church and world. The best way we know of expanding Teams is for each of us to make that effort on a one to one basis, sharing Teams with friends and asking them to consider coming to an information meeting.

*All our love and prayers,
Chet and Betty Daniel*

The Message From The Super-Regional Couple

On June 29 to July 2 about 100 Team people and 48 children gathered in Louisville, Kentucky for a Teams of Our Lady Conference. This conference was completely planned and executed by the Teams in the Central region. The two Teams in Louisville were the hosts, and Chet and Betty Daniel, Central Regional Couple, were overall chairmen. Everyone who arrived was welcomed by a huge (about 10' x 12') banner hanging outside Kennedy Hall. This and two other smaller (in comparison) banners on hope were made by Marian Zoeller from Louisville 1 Team.

As each family arrived at Bellarmine, they were warmly greeted at the registration desk, given a packet of informational materials and schedules for the session, and settled into their rooms. Since our first general gathering was not until 7:30 p.m. for Mass, most Team folk spent the time getting acquainted, resting, or touring. The Sunday evening Mass gathered everyone together and set the spiritual tone of the conference.

Every morning between 7 and 8 a.m. everyone hiked the hill from the dormitories to the dining hall for breakfast. Afterwards, the children were settled into their respective excursions and activities leaving their parents free to concentrate on Team activities. Chet and Betty Daniel officially opened the Conference by welcoming us and giving us a few remarks as to the purpose and objectives of our coming together. We were all also welcomed to Louisville by a priest representative of Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly who encouraged us in our ministry to married couples.

As the curtain rose and the show began, Fr. Mark Heath, and Fran and Ed Benz literally came in singing and dancing "You've got to have Hope, lots and lots and lots of Hope. You just can't imagine all the talent that resides in Teams. Needless to say, the first general session dealt with the international Team orientation for this year on Hope. This was followed by a Team Meeting wherein some practical applications of hope were discussed. (All attendees were subdivided into mini-Teams).

The second general session in the afternoon was led by Bill and Mary Doucette who treated the topic of leadership in Teams. In spite of broad diversities, with good will all jobs get done. After another brief mini-Team meeting, the group attended workshops on one of six topics: 1) Teams, 10 yrs. and older, 2) Acceptance, taking on new couples, 3) Delegation, 4) Back to Basics, 5) Leadership and Communications in a Sector, and 6) Does Teams Affect the Church. The only problem with this was deciding which workshops to attend since they would only be repeated once. These are the times we wish we could bilocate.

The climax of the day was Family Mass. For all of us gathered together in faith and friendship, from our enchanting Team musicians, to Fr. Joe Keefe's beautiful rainbow stole, it was truly a hallowed night. The day's events concluded with a video tape and personal witness from Fr. Joe

Keefe of Our Lady's apparitions in Medjugorje in Yugoslavia. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight followed.

July 1st opened with a bang. Most of us thought the fireworks were coming early. What was really happening was that the electrical transformers on campus blew. As a result, there was no electricity which all accepted with equanimity. After a breakfast of cold cereal and juice, we gathered outside for a delightfully bright morning prayer service. Over 100 sunshine yellow, helium filled balloons dotted the crowd as we welcomed Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly to our midst. His Excellency in turn welcomed us and blessed the four TOOL Holy Family Icons given to the Super-Region and the three Regions. After the Bible readings, prayers, and hymns were concluded, the balloons were released—signs of our hope and prayers to God.

The couples and Chaplain of Louisville 1 headed the next general session on "Growth Sharing—The Obligations and Beyond." The lively, homespun humor of Steve Smith and his Team got everyone back on track. This session was a mixture of lectures, exercises, and sharing. After Lunch and a brief break, the Le Blancs and the Wachowiaks led a general session on Sector Growth. This was followed by a mini-Team meeting and a repeat of the previous day's workshops. No Team gathering is complete without one night spent in fun and games. Each mini-Team (eight in all) was commissioned to put on a skit as entertainment in honor of TOOL 25th anniversary in the U.S. An uproariously funny and happy time was had by all, children included. To cap the celebration, cake and drinks were served afterwards in the cafeteria.

The final day presented a broad view of Teams in the United States and throughout the world by Harry and Josie Gieske. Chet and Betty Daniel thanked everyone and particularly those couples who were instrumental in putting the whole session together. Everyone gathered for the last time for a family Mass and then processed out, each holding hands to form a chain and finally a circle (spiral) of love, all the while with our hearts and voices raised to God in hymns.

Amen! Alleluia!

From all of us to Chet and Betty Daniel and to all the organizers and executers, *thank you* for a job well done! God bless you!

Josie and Harry



Reflections from Louisville

We sang ... We prayed ... We ate ... We played ... We talked ... We listened ... and most of all, we radiated HOPE!!

Nothing stopped us ...



Neither babies,

"I found it to be an affirming experience that deeply enriched us and that enabled us to share our riches with others. It offered hope to us in Louisville."

*Father Joseph Merkt
Louisville, KY*

"We feel deep gratitude towards those who in their obviously spirit-guided wisdom reached out to us as an isolated team and brought us into closer union with other teams."

*Carol and Bill Sanders
Louisville, KY*



"We experienced the teams Conference in "Loo-a-ville," Kentucky. It was an uplifting, inspiring, challenging, and fun experience. We are a hope filled movement!"

*Sara & Frank La Manna,
West Hempstead, NY*

"I was awed and overwhelmed by the people. The conference gave me a sense of worldwide Teams—a further realization of our commitment to the kingdom of God on earth and of sharing this both with our families and the world."

*Agnes and Mike Tompkins
Louisville, KY*

nor broken legs!



"What I liked most was the way that everybody SANG in church."

*Ken and Marian Zoeller
Louisville, KY*

"The challenge had gone out at the beginning of the conference that Teams was the best kept secret in the U.S. Team #5 of the Louisville Conference accepted the challenge of "spreading the word" with a song (to the tune of "Are You Sleeping, Brother John"). Let's remember their message of:

*'Try Teams of Our Lady
Try Teams of Our Lady
Hope, Hope, Hope
Hope, Hope, Hope'*

—and let's spread the word!"

*Bob and Janie Mericsko
Ft. Washington, MD*

Celebrating 25 years of Teams in U.S.



“It was a tranquil, peaceful, beautiful experience. The kids also had a positive experience and expressed a desire to go back.”

*Jan and Steve Smith
Louisville, KY*

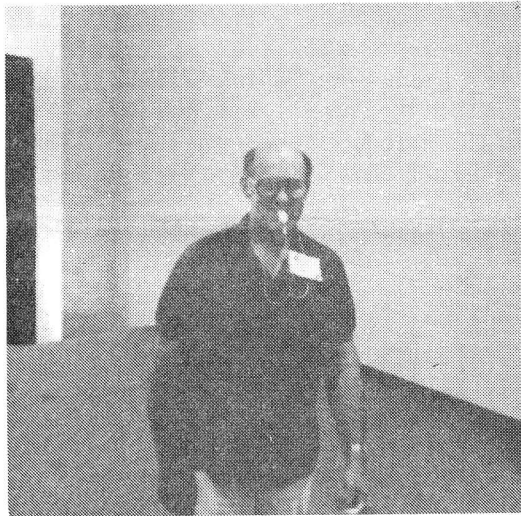
“It was encouraging to see so many people from so many parts of the country with a common bond and purpose.”

*John and Charlene Kelly
Louisville, KY*

Archbishop Thomas Kelly of Louisville meeting with Teams couples



Chet Daniel keeps us moving



“I was impressed that so many would gather for the purpose of witnessing to the importance of marriage, particularly the importance of having Christ at the center of marriage and the family.”

*Larry and Jodi Raible
Louisville, KY*

Teams musicians from Louisville



“LEW-VIL” (for you Northerners) surprised us, who had never attended a national meeting, with the universality and authenticity of the Team Movement. We had experienced such feelings with regard to the Church in some limited travel abroad. The similarity really makes us begin to appreciate the wisdom and grace available to us through Teams.”

*Charles and Mary Ann Babendreier
Silver Spring, MD*

“As a fairly new Team it was exactly what we needed.”

*Jerry and Mary Ann Hubbs
Louisville, KY*

“The spirit at the conference enlivened the spirit in me.”

*Sister Ruth Ann Haunz, O.S.U.
Louisville, KY*

Editorial —

Epistles From

Father Bernard Olivier, O.P.



Entering the King's Palace

Once upon a time, in a far off country, an old man dreamed of entering the King's Palace. Every day he stood for hours in front of the gates of the park, looking at the distant facade of the Palace.

One day, annoyed by his obstinacy, but touched by his perseverance, the guards opened the gates and allowed him to enter the guard-house. Every day after that, he came and sat for hours in the corner of the guard-room, contemplating the soldiers coming and going.

One day he died. He died happy. He died convinced that he had passed the last years of his life in the King's Palace. He didn't even imagine that behind the walls, a few steps from his stool, there was a long string of marvelous rooms, full of unbelievable treasures which would have overwhelmed him with joy,...

Many Christians resemble this old man. They are sincere believers and they have the faith—true faith. But they are content to camp in the guard-house. They never go beyond the abc's of the faith. They haven't the slightest idea of the overwhelming joy that would be theirs if they really entered into the Mystery of God.

There is not enough time in one life to discover the marvels of the Kingdom of God, to penetrate the secrets of the Word. We should not lose an instant, a look, a heart-beat of time. But what do we do? Instead of advancing step by step in our discoveries, simply but persistently putting one foot in front of the other, we just sit on the doorstep and never enter. We believe that we live our faith, that we practice divine life ... while we stand outside the door.

Faith consists of holding to the Word of God with all our heart, saying "yes" to the call of God, turning decidedly toward Him. Faith is the first decisive step without which we cannot be Christians. Classical theology calls this the faith of conversion. Because faith is something other than a signature at the end of a list of defined dogmas; it is more than another diploma to be put on our calling card. We turn toward God in a commitment that draws with it our whole life.

And so this faith must be practiced. It must advance, seek, progress. It must make us enter more deeply into the Mystery of God, pushing us to understand and to discover as much as we can. This is what is called "faith of contemplation."

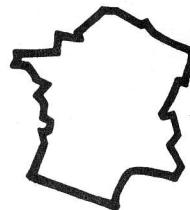
The faith of conversion draws forth the faith of contemplation as its flower and its fruit. Yet experience shows that we can live long years, a whole life, as "Christians," without going beyond the first stumbling steps. And we shall die one day like the old man, believing that we have lived in the King's Palace. How is this possible?

Let us imagine a man digging a hole in his field. If he stops after a while and lies down beside his hole, he won't get far! But if each day he digs and digs ... after twenty years, a whole lifetime, who knows where he will be? It is the same with faith. If we don't dig, we won't get far. If we do not have the will to penetrate the mystery, day after day, we shall remain strangers to God's marvels. There is no chance that we will be overwhelmed with joy!

It seems to me that the Teams of Our Lady, and I see this with joy, have received a dowry from God; the will for prayer. In the Team meetings we have long moments of prayer, and some Teams even add special prayer meetings to their regular schedule. In the life of the couple, there is a big place for prayer; personal, conjugal, family prayer. This gift of God, for it is a gift, must be fully exploited. In the lives of many Christians, it is time, above all, that is lacking, or rather the will to find the time to be with God. In Teams, this will exists, and time is there to be used.

May our prayers be a battering ram of faith that can break down doors. Let us not be satisfied too easily with a few reflections on a spiritual theme, a few far-flung and lukewarm considerations on a verse of the Gospel. We must want to enter into the secrets and into the Holy of Holies. We must continually knock at the Palace door so that the Lord will open it to us and introduce us into His Secret Garden. Because it is really only He who can do so. He is only asking for this; he invites us, expects us, hopes for us. So!? Are we going to remain standing before the closed door?

France



The Leading Team

Very Dear Friends,

More than a year has passed since we became Leading Couple of the International Leading Team.

How have these fifteen months confirmed, modified or completed the four guide-lines that we stated as ours in our preceding letter to you (*Magnificat*, Summer 1985)?

First of all, what we have experienced since January 1985 confirms that as soon as we turn away from Christ to look at ourselves, anything can happen ... even the possibility of the break-up of communion within the couple, within the Team, and between the Teams across the world.

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Remember Louis and Marie d'Amonville's wishes in their last letter—"that the Teams of Our Lady remain united in their diversity, which is their richness and strength."

It appears more and more obvious to us that the vitality of Teams is due to the enthusiasm of its members, which means that they have an intimate feeling of belonging to, and solidarity with the movement worldwide.

Just as it is with couples, such solidarity must be toward the movement as it *is* and not as we would like it to be. The visible ways we use to show that we belong, beyond the obvious fidelity to our Team life are the following:

- faithful attendance at sector events;
- participation in meetings for responsible couples, in the sector, region, and super-region, as well as general training sessions as they occur;
- an enthusiastic effort to attend international gatherings, pilgrimages, or sessions whenever possible;
- finally, financial support for the life of the Movement through the annual contribution.

If fidelity to our Team-life is obvious, we must not fail in any of the above obligations, and particularly the contribution. All must feel that they have their part to play in the spiritual animation and the fraternal communion, as well as the financial life of the Movement, according to their means.

We can thank God that the importance of the major pilgrimages that demonstrate the unity and the universality of our movement are felt by most of us. It is in this spirit that the Super-regional couples and the International Leading Team decided last September to organize a MAJOR GATHERING in LOURDES from SEPTEMBER 19th to 23rd, 1988!

We shall all join together, in faith, with Mary our Mother, commending to her, the couple, the family, the Team, the movement, and all those other couples we touch in our daily lives—especially those with problems. May she help us in our service of building the Kingdom, through the special graces that are given to us in our sacrament of marriage.

So mark those dates now: All who have already had the joy of taking part in Rome '59, Lourdes '65, Rome '70, '76, or '82 must not hesitate to bear witness around them of all the spiritual and human benefits that they have gained. May the "veterans" whom we shall be so eager to meet again, seek to encourage and even to organize the "sponsoring" of couples who are coming for the first time.

We become more and more aware of how FAITH enables us to HOPE FOR HOLINESS for us all and how CHARITY doesn't permit us to see in others (or in ourselves) second rate SAINTS.

Dear friends, let us pray for each other so that our "communion," encouraged by the intercession of all the saints who have preceded us, and primarily by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, may always be more alive, more true and more outgoing.

Our progress, in the "footsteps of Jesus Christ" is certainly not a race, but a daily advance, in the life of each couple in the sacrament of marriage, with a firm, confident and decisive pace.

Jean-Claude and Jeanine Malroux

In Memoriam

We are saddened by the death of two Teams chaplains within the last few weeks. They will be deeply missed by their Teams, their families, and their many friends and acquaintances.

Rev. John Griffin Jr. was chaplain for Boston IX. He was killed in an automobile accident in May at the age of 53. In addition to being a Teams chaplain, he was a member of the faculty at St John's Seminary in Brighton, MA where he taught pastoral theology.

Franciscan Father Cassian Corcoran died suddenly following a heart attack on July 14. He was chaplain for Washington IV and had lived in the Washington area for 25 years. He was a former teacher at Catholic University and was an associate professor of scripture at the Washington Theological Union in Silver Spring, MD.

We ask for your prayers for their souls, and for all who were close to them.

From the Secretariat

Thank you for your generous contributions. Many of you have sent yours in, but there are still a lot of you we haven't heard from yet. Remember that we need your financial as well as your spiritual support. So now that summer's almost over, why not start the new Teams year off by putting your check in the mail today! If you can't give this year, please drop us a note anyway, so we can give your Team credit.

*Thank you,
Herb and Barbara*

From the Study Materials Couple

If you haven't chosen your discussion topic for next year, please consider either "The Team Meeting," which all RC's should have received; or the international orientation, "Always be Ready to Witness your Hope," which will be available from your sector couples. We feel that either one would be a worthwhile material for discussion.

Kevin and Bernadette

Happy are they

 who hope
 in the Lord

Capital Comments

Last June, when Paul and I were in Rochester, MN., for a Regional Meeting the subject of the Central Region Training Day came up. It was going to be held in a central area, so that everyone would have about the same travel time; a place where Teams were located, but had not experienced the larger team movement. Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky, was the site. The Central Regional couple, Chet and Betty Daniels, had already done some preliminary work on this weekend, and they were opening it up to the other regions in the United States.

During the coming months material from the City of Louisville arrived in the mail; beautiful brochures, advertising all the fun and cultural happenings. More mail came with rainbows, inviting us to Louisville. More mail—this time it went to the Sector Couples, asking them to invite couples from their various sectors. More mail—and the rainbows were starting to get to me. Did we really want to go to Louisville? I looked over the workshops being offered on the agenda. Yes, we had heard it all before. If we went, our girls would have to go. It would be our family vacation, no beach this summer! Boy! the noise and excuses that went on when we laid that news on the girls. We heard, "What if...? Do I have to...? How come? There's not going to be anyone there I know or my age. It's going to be boring!"

As July rolled around Paul and I were getting anxious. We have fights going from the house to the corner; can you imagine thirteen hours in the car with two teenagers? A kind friend got us a map and a Triptik. The family scoured the map; Paul and I picked out the spots where we would probably get lost and have our disagreements (fights).

We left our house at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 28th. My Dad had enough "easy to prepare" food to last him and thirty friends for two weeks. Around 12:30 p.m., somewhere in West Virginia, we found a McDonald's and had lunch. So far so good! We changed drivers several times. Somehow, Kathy, our seventeen year old, got the difficult leg (where Paul and I had planned our fight).

About six hours out of Washington, in another part of West Virginia, Paul hit me with the fact that maybe he hadn't heard the right topic for our workshop. He told me that we were asked to do a workshop on "delegation", but maybe it was "obligation". I gave him a good shot in the arm and told him this was not one of the spots we had arranged for a fight. Kathy and Paula, our daughters, roared with laughter. Here, Mom was prepared with hand-outs, their parents had worked on this presentation for days—and it might be on the wrong subject! Oh well, Paul and I have learned to "wing" many things in our life together, why not this?

As we came to the Lexington, Kentucky exits, all the restaurant signs looked inviting. Paul wanted to wait until we got to the other side of Lexington to eat. On the other side, all the restaurant signs disappeared. There wasn't a

restaurant in sight. So on to Louisville! Outside of Louisville the girls and I spotted a sign—"Knights Castle Burger Shop." Five miles off the beaten

path and four upset stomachs later, we were once again on our way to the end of the Rainbow.

Finally, Louisville and Bellarmine College! We drove on campus and got lost. We had driven twelve and one-half hours without getting lost (a major miracle), but now we were lost. It was now 9:00 p.m. and needless to say, we were all very tired.

Bellarmino is a beautiful college. The weather was hot and humid, just like home. Thank God the rooms were air-conditioned. After hugs, kisses, "How are you? Gee, it's good to see you, and How was your trip?" as well as, "What is your workshop on?" we slept well that night!

Somewhere in my dreams that night, I remember agreeing to help give an Information Meeting early Sunday morning. How the Gieskies get you to say "yes" in your sleep still has me wondering.

Sunday, more families arrived. Friends you have promised to write to, or call; but, whom you have remembered in your thoughts and prayers, arrive. It is amazing how you pick up where you left off years ago, as if the break never took place. The Harmons are here—YEA! Where's Peg? In her room... and, it's bounding up the steps to meet her and she is bounding down the steps and everyone hears yells!

And still, more families arrive and Mass is going to begin and you look over the agenda and find out where things are going to be held and hope they have allowed time for "nature's call".

One thing about the food—it was "college cafeteria food"—enough said! The people serving were friendly, helpful and very nice. One morning we even had breakfast by candlelight. A storm had knocked out the power during the night. We adjusted our meeting room and went on with our conferences. The people at the college were impressed with the peacefulness and adjustability of the Team couples and those running the Teams Conference. They were thankful. They complimented Chet and Betty about the couples. We do share our light in the most unexpected places and people do pick up on it.

Believe it or not, there is another Paul Sloan living in Louisville, only he has brown hair, sons and talks with a very funny accent. Seems his oldest son said, "No way, no how, am I going to this conference." They had to pick him up, put him in the car and then drag him out of it when they arrived. Sound familiar? Then during the day a funny thing happened. It seems he had a great time and wanted his family to rent rooms at Bellarmine and stay with the rest of the Team

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families. We all laughed because most of us were having the same experience with our kids. They were having a good time and meeting new friends and renewing their old ones—just like the older folks.

We shared so much during the conference and learned so much from all the couples we met. We did skits! Such talent, with very little notice and no time to practice. There were mini-teams and meetings that were not long enough, but plenty of love. There was a prayer time and sharing time and openness and laughter. There was God's Church.

Before we knew it, it was time to leave. We began to hear—Do we have too? Can't we stay? We did stay an extra night, opting to leave early the next morning. Our last night in Louisville, the girls wanted to go to a basketball game, but we talked them into going out to a nice restaurant.

To Chet and Betty and all the couples who spent this past year working on this Team Conference, with expertise and love, many, many thanks for a job well done!

The Sloan family came home from the Conference with so much more than we took with us.

So when the next Teams Conference is announced, RUN, don't walk, to your nearest mail box and sign up!

Love,
Paul and Betty

Two New Sector Couples

Southern MN Mike and Karen Olsen

Mike and Karen met while in college on Dec. 5, 1965 (and still celebrate that date each year). They moved to Albert Lea in 1971 and joined Teams in 1974. They have three girls who are 14, 12, and 9. Karen is currently a full time homemaker and Mike is a math and driver-ed teacher. During her spare time, Karen participates in several volunteer activities and takes piano lessons.

Prior to becoming sector couple they have held numerous other jobs in Teams. They remember the Leadership Conference at Emmitsburg, MD as a highlight of their Teams experience. They met many beautiful people and learned much through shared experiences. It caused them to feel a part of the universal Teams family and know that Teams is more than just their own Team.

Teams has meant a lot to them over the past 12 years and they feel that the love and support they receive from Team members strengthens their personal prayer lives, their marriage, their family, and their involvement with the bigger Church family. Besides their involvement in Teams, they have been active in Marriage Encounter, serving as Coordinating Couple for Southern MN. They also are active in their parish as religious education teachers, music ministers, Renew coordinator, and Finance Commission chairperson.

They love the Church, which they see in each of you, and will try to do their best to serve as Sector Couple. They ask for your prayers so that God will guide them in revealing His plan for all of us.



Washington-MD East Bob and Janie Mericsko

Janie and Bob have been in the Clinton 1 (Washington-Maryland East) Team since its formation in 1977. Their previous involvement in Teams has principally been in giving information sessions and in piloting new Teams. During the 1980 Family Pilgrimage here in Washington, Janie, with a staff of friends, gave a mini-retreat session to 120 teenagers.

The Mericsko's have been members of St. Ignatius Parish, Oxon Hill, Maryland, for 13 years and have served in many capacities. Currently their parish service includes: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), Eucharistic Ministers, Adult Renew, Teen Renew and teen retreat work.

Janie is from Pittsburgh, PA and Bob is from Gary, IN. They met at college in Rochester, NY, have been married 16 years and have lived in the Washington area since 1971. Bob works as a Analyst for the C.I.A. Janie does substitute teaching and is completing a Certificate Program in Theology at the Georgetown University. Anne, their soon to be eleven old daughter, is an excellent student while pursuing her interests of piano, flute, dancing and reading. Anne has shared her Liturgical dancing talent at several Team functions. The last member of the family is Princess, Anne's 4 year old dog.

Just back from the Team Conference in Louisville, KY, the Mericsko's accept their new service in Teams with enthusiasm. They are most grateful to the two Teams in Louisville who were so warm in hospitality to so many, and were touched by the depth of their sharing. "We accept the challenge your witness gave to us: to be more open and fully alive with the love of Christ."



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome five new Teams that have started in the past few months.

BOSTON SECTOR (MA)**Boston XII**

Pat and Alex Knights
Beth and Chris Devlin
Maureen and David Horn
Caroline and David Johnson
Rosaleen and Jim Merski
Peggy and George Warner
Rev. Henry Gallagher, O.P.

TURLOCK SECTOR (CA)**Turlock IX**

Elmano and Albertina Costa
Frank and Lucia Saldivar
Matt and Tima Seward
Sebastian and Zulmira Sousa
Joseph and Evelyn Calderon
Manuel and Mary Pires
David and Patsy Freitas

ROCHESTER SECTOR (MN)**Hastings I**

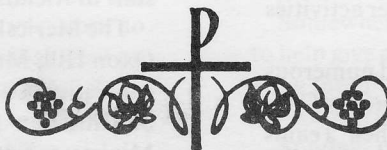
Jerry and Mary Ann Bambanek
Ben and Lucille Bauer
Dick and Pat Mylslebust
Walter and Esther Pechacek
Rev. James Dunne

ROCHESTER SECTOR (MN)**Rochester XIX**

Earl and Loretta Schillo
Curt and Mary Amiot
Tom and Laura Glasco
Dave and Kris Rodenwald
Joe and Gloria Stumvoll
Rev. Tim Reker

DETROIT SECTOR (MI)**Detroit VII**

Leo and Chris Paluch
Jim and Diane Balikowski
Frank and Bev Lentine
Bill and Gail McCuaig
Ken and Donna Molnar

**LORD, HELP US ...**

to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us ... to see the good within the other, and find answers to all our problems. Help us to say the kind and loving thing and make us big enough to ask forgiveness of the other. We put our marriage into Your hands. Amen.

*"If Anyone Should Ask the Reason for This HOPE
of Yours, Be Ever Ready to Reply"*



The Teams of Our Lady is an international movement of married couples, founded in France in 1947. In the United States there are about 210 Teams or 1,000 couples actively engaged in the Movement. The purposes of the Movement and Team life are: 1) growth in the spiritual life of the couple and family through a program of prayer and study; 2) small group support for couples endeavoring to live Gospel lives through a monthly meeting with a meal and other sharing; and 3) growth in the couple's intimacy through conjugal prayer and the deeper communication afforded by the Sit-Down. Each Team is made up of 4 to 8 couples and a chaplain.

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