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## Teams of Our Lady Super Regional Update August 2017

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## News From Coastal Regional Couple

Hi everybody. A lot has happened since our last email. We were asked to be the webmaster for the new Teams of Our Lady website. We accepted this role, but we requested to step down from the Provincial Couple role due to the time required for the webmaster role. We also had not found a couple to take over our previous role as Regional Couple. We plan to continue filling the Coastal Regional Couple role along with our new webmaster role. These two roles have been keeping us super busy in 2017. Hence the reason why we have not sent out a newsletter lately.



We love Teams of Our Lady. Our Team and the Teams Organization has been a blessing in our life and our marriage. We want to do everything we can to share this gift with new and existing Teams couples.

Please pray for all the couples in Teams of Our Lady Leadership as we endeavor to help the Teams of Our Lady movement achieve our mission:

“The Teams of Our Lady have as their essential aim to help couples to strive after holiness – no more, no less.” – Father Henri Caffarel

The aim of the movement is to help couples to live fully their sacrament of marriage.

Many Blessings,

**Ed & Gilda Cadieux**  
Coastal Regional Couple

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# New East Provincial Couple

Bob & Janie Mericsko graciously accepted the Provincial Couple role for the East Province. Our Region (Coastal) is part of the East Province. The East Province covers the following states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina. Our Coastal Region covers Virginia, North Carolina, & South Carolina.



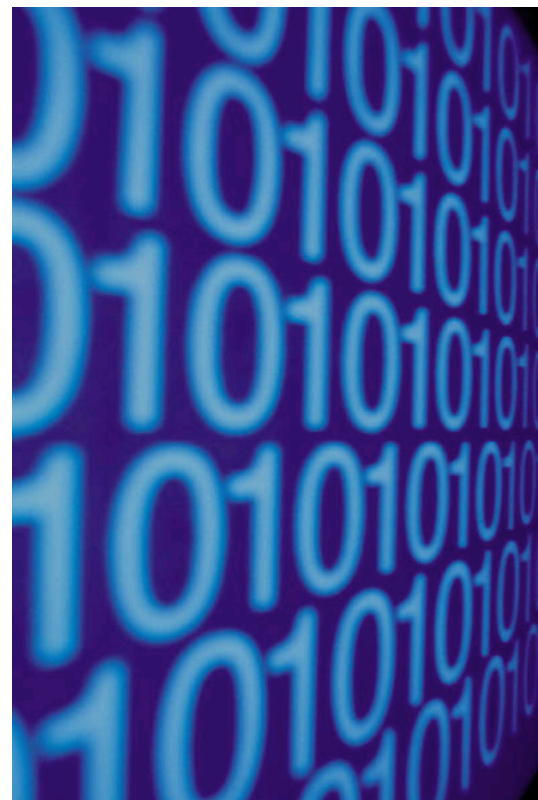
Please keep Bob & Janie in your prayers as they shepherd this vast Province. Their contact email is: [East-PC@teamsoufurlady.org](mailto:East-PC@teamsoufurlady.org).

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## Teams of Our Lady Website Update

Hopefully everyone has noticed that we have a new Teams of Our lady Website ([teamsoufurlady.org](http://teamsoufurlady.org)). There has been lots of work going on in the background to make this possible. The hosting service for the new website is [eWebLife](http://eWebLife). The President & CEO of eWebLife is a fellow Team member in Texas, Maureen Vanacore. A content Team led by TJ & Ellen Holt (South Provincial Couple) produced material for posting on the website. The Content Team members are:

- TJ & Ellen Holt
- Ed & Susan Klein
- George & Mary Klosterman
- Bob & Janie Mericsko
- Rob & Sharla Walsh
- Robert & Ruth Williamson



Currently the website is online and the initial content is in place and formatted. There is lots of new content on the website: Father Caffarel writings, Magnificat archives, Newsletters, etc. We continually add new items.

The website uses a "responsive template" This enables the website to be viewed on a variety of different devices (computers, tablets, & phones).

The rosters are in the process of being imported. This should be complete in a few weeks. Once the rosters have been imported, Teams couples can view and update their own information. You will receive an email with login information asking you to verify & correct your contact information. Initially only Regional & Provincial Couples will have admin privileges. This will allow them to view and update records within their region/province. The plan is to eventually push this capability down to the Sector Couples.

Once the rosters are imported and updated this will enable new website functionality:

- Online Donations
- Online Registration to Events
- Enhanced Materials Ordering System
- Ability to Subscribe to eNewsletters & Prayer Requests

Please send me an email if you don't receive an email with your login information in the next 4 weeks. My webmaster email address is [webmaster@teamssofarlady.org](mailto:webmaster@teamssofarlady.org).

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## **Study Material for 2017-2018**

At the Sector Couple training (which was both overwhelming and energizing), we became acquainted with the Study Material for the coming year. It is entitled "Mission of Love" and the study Guide is available for ordering now (more on this later). It is material that has been developed in preparation for the International Gathering at Fatima in July next year. Click [HERE](#) for an extract of the material, specifically a

presentation “note”, with the thought process behind the material, and the Introduction.

These are followed by nine chapters for study during the Team year as outlined on page 4 of the



attached. It is very marriage centered and as the introduction states it calls on the recent Year of Mercy and Apostolic Exhortation from the Synod of 2014/2015 (particularly Chapter 3 of the Exhortation which is based on 1 Corinthians 13 – St. Paul’s hymn to Charity). It also includes other material from Pope Francis when he addressed Teams in Rome in September 2015, and extracts from the writings of Fr. Caffarel. All of the material is in the Study Guide as well as thoughts on how to make it flow in our meetings and suggestions for the Sit-Down and reflection/Discussion questions. The material will be challenging but we also believe it will be inspiring.

Having said all this about the study material, it would be easy to say the material is simply suggested or recommended. However, at the very least, it is strongly recommended and all but mandated. It has been designed to prepare for Fatima even if you are not attending. Teams of Our Lady is preparing for Fatima as a movement we are each part of. The attachment is intended to give you a taste of the material. As for obtaining the material, it can be ordered from Teams at no cost to you (funded by your donations). On the website there is a tab for material and an order form. Complete the order form and return it to [materials@teamsofourlady.org](mailto:materials@teamsofourlady.org). If you prefer a digital copy of the study topic it can be downloaded on this same webpage.

- Dave & Carol McCaffrey, Mixing Bowl Sector Couple

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## **Teams of Our Lady Day of Enrichment**

A “sector event” was held in Annandale, Virginia on Saturday, February 18th. It was billed as “A Teams of Our Lady Day of Enrichment,” and it was timed to coincide with the conclusion of National Marriage Week

(which includes Valentine's Day). Over thirty couples participated and reflected on what marriage means to us using selections and questions from the "Beloved" video program developed by the Augustine Institute and available at "formed.org." Teams from across northern Virginia were represented. Several couples unfamiliar with Teams also came and may decide to join Teams of Our Lady. The day was publicized in the Arlington Diocese newspaper as well as in church bulletins.

- Dave & Carol McCaffrey, Mixing Bowl Sector Couple

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## Northern VA February 2018 Sector Event

Mark Your Calendars. We are targeting having a northern Virginia Teams of Our Lady event (reminiscent of what was held this past February). The date is **Saturday, February 10, 2018**. This is the Saturday before Ash Wednesday which is February 14 (Valentines Day). The venue and timing is to be developed as well as the program. For now, save the date.

- Dave & Carol McCaffrey, Mixing Bowl Sector Couple

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## Magnificat

The Magnificat is a quarterly Teams of Our Lady Newsletter. Originally the Magnificat was mailed to all Teams couples. Due to dwindling contributions, it has only been sent out via email in the last few years. Our Super Regional Team has decided that for 2018 the Magnificat will be physically mailed to couples homes at least once.



If you are not receiving the Magnificat via email, please let us know. Our email address is [coastal-](mailto:coastal-)

Click [HERE](#) to view, download, or print the March 2017 Magnificat newsletter.

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## Simpsonville Sector Couple Change

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, we installed our Simpsonville Sector Couple, Alvaro and Olga Lucia Barbosa. This Sector has the Coastal Region's only Spanish speaking Teams. Simpsonville is located in South Carolina.



The beautiful outdoor ceremony took place on the grounds of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville, S.C. Many loving hands helped plan to make the day special for the Barbosa's.

All the Team couples along with their families provided beautiful worship music, we prayed the Holy Rosary, Beatriz and Florentino Rodriguez shared their story of the Pilgrim Image of the Virgin Mary of



Fatima, Luis Trujillo was the photographer and captured many memorable moments and he even shared the story of Our Lady of Fatima. After the installation ceremony for the Barbosa's we all attended the 7 pm Spanish mass.

We concluded the evening with a delicious Mexican dinner at a local restaurant with all the Team couples along with their extended families. Everyone touched our hearts with all their gifts and talents, which they so graciously shared with others. We are grateful for their strong community, deep faith and abundant love for the movement.

Florentino & Beatriz Rodriguez are stepping down after 14 years serving as Sector Couple for the Simpsonville Sector. Florentino & Beatriz piloted the 1st Spanish-speaking Team in Simpsonville in 2002. There are currently 28 couples (4 Teams), and 1 Team in piloting. In addition to their sector role duties Florentino & Beatriz served as translators (English to Spanish) for Teams of Our Lady at the local and National level.



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## Annual Contribution to Teams

We are here on this earth to love and take care of each other. Because of the many Blessings we have received from Teams of Our Lady, we assist in the spreading of Teams. Teams are expanding in this country, yet there are many States with no Teams. Our financial contributions go to pilot Teams; for training; and to print and mail piloting materials, study materials, and Teams' information literature.



There are no paid leadership positions in the Teams' Movement



anywhere in the world. The U.S. Super Region is assessed by the International Leading Team (ERI) on our total number of couples, so that teams can be started in countries without the financial resources. For many years, the U.S. Teams Movement was financially supported by France.

Contributions are confidential and can be made at any time. Please consider that a yearly contribution be a **days wage**.

Teams contribution = Yearly take home pay / 365

For example, if your take home pay was \$80,000:

$\$80,000/365 = \mathbf{\$219/yr} = \$4.21/wk = \$0.60/day =$  Cup of coffee per day.

Many Small contributions add up to a large amount of money.

Please properly identify your contribution by indicating both your Team name and the Coastal Region. Please make out checks to “Teams of Our Lady” and mail the contributions to:

Teams of Our Lady  
P.O. Box 1485  
Turlock, CA 95381-1485

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## **Teams of Our Lady Polo Shirts**

The store is now open for ordering Teams of Our Lady polo shirts. They are available in 4 colors: Red for the North Province, Blue for the South, Green for the West, and Purple for the East. Our region, Coastal, is in the East Province.



Purple

The store is only open until September 17th 2017. The cost for each shirt is \$20.99 + tax.

Click the link below to access the store:

<https://teamofourladyo817.itemorder.com/sale>

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## 2018 International Gathering

The 2018 International Gathering will take place in Fatima, Portugal July 15th 2018 through July 20 2018. Unfortunately this event filled up quickly, and the registration is now closed. The waiting list is also filled and closed. Please keep everyone that will be attending in your prayers.

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## Father Henri Caffarel and Cause for Canonization

The cause for the canonization of Father Caffarel, Teams of Our Lady founder, has been opened. He is now a Servant of God. The prayer for his Beatification has been approved and we have been urged to pray for the cause and ask his intercession for our own particular intentions. Favors obtained through his intercession should be reported to the Postulator of his cause. The address is at the bottom of the prayer. Two reasons have led Teams of Our Lady to ask for the opening of his cause are: 1 - His reputation for holiness and 2 - The content of his message on marriage. This would be an ideal prayer for your daily couple prayer!

- Dave & Carol McCaffrey, Mixing Bowl Sector Couple

## **Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God, Henri Caffarel**

God, our Father, You planted deep in the heart of your servant, Henri Caffarel, a fountain of love which bound him totally to your Son and inspired him with a wonderful capacity to speak of Him.

A prophet for our time, he revealed the dignity and beauty of the vocation of every person in the words Jesus addresses to each of us: “Come follow me”.

He made couples enthusiastic about the greatness of the sacrament of marriage, the sign of Christ’s fruitful love for the Church and of His union with her. He showed that priests and couples are called to live a vocation of love.

He was a guide to widows: love is stronger than death. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, he accompanied many Christians on the path of prayer. Seized by a devouring fire, he was a dwelling place for you, Lord.

God, our Father, through the intercession of Our Lady, we ask you to hasten the day when the Church will proclaim the holiness of his life, so that people everywhere will discover the joy of following your Son in accordance with their particular vocations in the Holy Spirit.

God our Father, we invoke the intercession of Father Caffarel for.....  
(indicate the particular favour being sought)

Prayer approved by Monsignor Andre Vingt-Trois – Archbishop of Paris.  
“Nihil obstat”: 4th January 2006 – “Imprimatur”: 5th January 2006.



In the case of a particular favour obtained through the intercession of  
Father Caffarel, contact:

The Postulator, Association of "The Friends of Father Caffarel" 49 rue de  
la Glacière – F 75013 Paris, France

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## Endeavors (Life in Christ)

1. A Regular Reading of the Word of God
2. A Daily Period of Meditation
3. Daily Conjugal & Family Prayer
4. A Monthly Sit-down
5. A Rule of Life
6. Yearly Retreat

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## Website Links

[Teams of Our Lady](#)  
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## Membership Responsibilities (Life in Teams)

1. Pray the Magnificat Daily
2. Attend Monthly Team Meeting
3. Prepare Monthly Study Topic, as a Couple
4. Contribute Annually to Support Teams
5. Have an Annual Team Evaluation & Commitment
6. Read the Team Newsletter Editorials
7. Extend Hospitality to Teams
8. Attend Team Sessions & Sector Events
9. Attend an Extra Weekly Mass, as a Service Couple

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