



Spring 2026

1 Thessalonians 5:11 states, **“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up as you are doing.”** In Teams of Our Lady, **we are builders.** We build our spiritual life and build our relationship with Christ and with our spouse, our fellow team members, and our communities. The Annual Contribution to Teams of Our Lady is one of the nine responsibilities of being a member of this Movement. During this past summer, we gained a deeper understanding of both the spiritual and material dimensions of the annual contribution through a presentation delivered by Cristiane & Antonio Brito, the ERI Liaison Couple for the American Zone.

Regarding the spiritual dimension of the annual contribution, Cristiane & Antonio stated...

*“The Teams of Our Lady Movement, as a gift from the Holy Spirit, is entrusted to the care of all its members,’ as stated in the Guide to the Teams of Our Lady, Chapter 7.4. Through financial contribution to the Movement, couples live out the awareness of belonging to Teams of Our Lady, for which they share responsibility...By contributing the equivalent of one day’s work annually, team members help build the Movement throughout the world. The financial contribution helps cultivate and deepen the relationship with the One who provides all.”*

Fr. Henri Caffarel, our founder, challenges even further as he states, **“A movement declines toward death when its members stop thinking like builders and start thinking like tenants!”** Financial contributions help us to become builders of the Movement, not tenants!

The material or earthly dimension of the annual contribution helps Teams build both locally and throughout the world. That could be starting teams in new remote or mission areas. Building could take the form of training or formation to help more couples faithfully and joyfully serve their roles as Sector or Region Responsible Couples. Building could entail developing additional resources on the new website and membership portal to support each base team. Additionally, building could allow more national, regional, and local events to be offered to strengthen our spiritual lives through our shared experiences and witnessing. At the USA-SR meetings, we always take to heart Luke 14:28, **“For which of you desiring to build a tower does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it.”** We endeavor to always be the best stewards of everyone’s generosity.

In the USA-SR, we have building to do as the Movement continues to expand across the country! We desire to offer more opportunities for members locally and nationally, but all that takes financial resources. Historically, 23-24% of the couples in Teams of Our Lady in the USA contribute to the Movement. **Our goal for 2026 is to double that participation and achieve 46% participation.** Even if it is not possible to contribute one day’s wage, **be a builder** and contribute what you are able. Help Teams of Our Lady grow in both Body and Spirit!

United in Prayer,

**Greg and Melanie Gehrt**  
Responsible Couple  
USA Super Region

**Rick and Carol Fishbune**  
Finance / Treasurer Couple  
USA Super Region

P.S. Please consider a gift in your will or estate plan to Teams of Our Lady USA!  
Contact [treasurer@teamsfourlady.org](mailto:treasurer@teamsfourlady.org) for more information.

You may mail your contribution to the address below. Please include your team name and number in the memo section of your check. Please do not send cash.

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