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TEAMS OF OUR LADY

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Upcoming

EVENTS

Portland OR Sector B Retreat
Oct 19-21, 2018
Griffin Center

Rosary Bowl in Salem
<https://rosarybowlnw.org>
Oct 6, 2018

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Archdiocesan Marriage Event
Feb 9, 2019
Holy Trinity

National Conference
July 16-19, 2019
Navasota, TX

July 16-21, 2018

International Gathering

Teams of our Lady

Fatima, Portugal



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We have immense gratitude and admiration for all the planning and work that went into our International Gathering at Fatima! 23 from our own Northwestern Region, 200 from the USA, and approximately 9,000 folks from 80 countries around the world gathered in the the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity each day for morning prayer, meditation, slide shows, testimonies, talks and Mass. Other activities held outside the Basilica included a Musical based on true stories of conversion at Fatima, the path of Valinhos where the apparitions took place, an Exhibition with booths representing a variety of countries, ie, SuperRegions, rosary and candlelight procession and the Sit-down, both held on the Sanctuary grounds, with the Closing Ceremony and Mass held also on the Sanctuary grounds in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. This pilgrimage was at least 2 years in the making, with dozens of couples attentive to the many details so that we may all have a memorable event.

We were warmly welcomed at our arrival in the Porto Airport, then taken by bus on an hour drive to Fatima. Once in our hotels each couple was given a packet with our name tags and information, all well organized to keep us all on track for each day. Our meals were served in our hotels, with breakfast at 7 am, sharing food with couples and priests, (in our case, from Brazil, France, Portugal). We would then meet in the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity. Each day a different SuperRegion would lead the prayer, followed by Meditation focused on the scripture of the day, a couple of well put together slideshows, testimonies and talks. Every person had headphones for the translations into our own language. There would be daily Mass, and group activity as indicated on our schedule (we were all assigned to a group: A, B, C, D). To read more about our daily experiences, check out www.teamsofourlady.org and read Paul & Chris Sanchez's excellent journal and the written thoughts of Dave & Carol McCaffrey, (below the heading Team news). There is a wealth of information also on www.equipes-notre-dame.com.



Monday, July 16th The Opening Ceremony The Prodigal Son

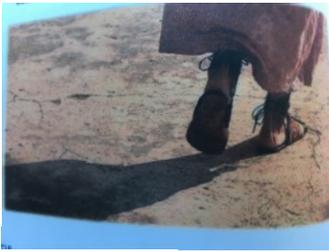
Luke 15:11-32

The event opened up with a magnificent procession with each country represented, finishing with the statues of Jacinta, Francisco, and our Lady of Fatima.



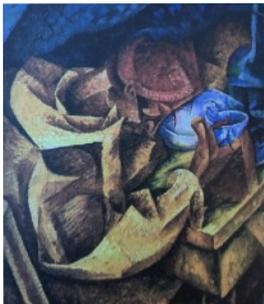
Tuesday, July 17th "Liberty"

"The Younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them."
Lk 15:12



The candlelight and rosary procession in the Sanctuary!

The Musical, "On the Way", was one of the highlights of our day! The story was based on true conversion stories and miracles, which led each to a merciful encounter with our God, our Father, as in the Prodigal Son.



Wednesday, July 18th "Dissipation"

"After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation."
Lk 15:12

The Sit-down



Meeting old friends and new





Thursday, July 19th "Repentance"

"I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." *Lk 15:18*

Our team couples came from Brazil, France, and Cameroon.



As we reflected on the Gospel reading and shared our life-journey with our mixed team couples, we also explored ways in which we may, (or not), stop and listen to our spouse and our families, hopefully, without imposing our own viewpoints upon them. God's mercy in our lives gives us strength to change and manage our projects, as a couple and within our family.

Friday, July 20th "Compassion"

"and he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." *Lk 15:20*



A very long procession of priests, bishops and cardinals



Lucia, Francisco & Jacinta

Home of Francisco & Jacinta



Saturday, July 21st "Celebration"

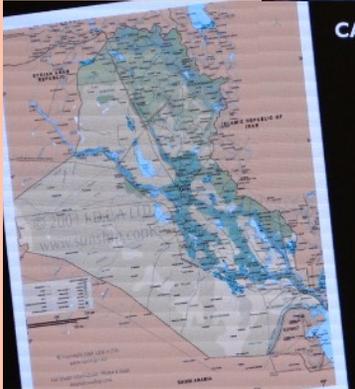
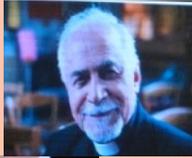
"It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found." *Lk 15:32*



Bob & Denise Tomasovic, Paul & Monique Harris, Steve & Lori Heli
Team couples from the Portland area



**Mgr Basilios Georges Casmoussa,
Patricarchal Auxiliary Apostolic Visitor in
Australia for Syrian Catholics (Archbishop
Emeritus of Mossoul, Iraq)**



Analía & Diego Velasco



Presentación comida siria

"Consideramos que servir a los demás es un privilegio. Intentamos en cada momento hacerlo de todo corazón. Sabemos bien que nuestra acción no es mas que una gota en el océano, pero sin nuestra acción esta gota faltaria."

Santa Teresa de Calcuta

Have you forgiven them?

That was the final question that a journalist from Reunion asked me in an interview in February 2017, referring to my kidnapping by terrorists in Mosul in 2005. I answered him spontaneously: "Yes, straight away." - "How?" - "First of all, because we are disciples of Jesus, then because we do not solve the problem by not forgiving, and I would become complicit in it and full of hatred all my life."

This is a lesson I learned from my kidnapping, one afternoon in January 2005, when two gunmen pushed me into the trunk of their car for an unknown destination. I spent the night in a cold room, lying on the floor, hands and feet bound, blindfolded. Before closing my mouth with a bandage, my jailer asked me how much money I had in my wallet, which he had confiscated earlier. I told him that there were some \$300 for the poor. "What poor", he said to me, "you, you will be slaughtered!" I answered him quietly: "Then, you will distribute it in my place"! I spent the night praying, remembering the psalm that we recite at the offertory of the Syriac Mass: "Like a lamb led to the slaughter ...", and repeating the prayer of abandonment of Father Charles de Foucauld.

The next day, transferring me to another place, the kidnappers tried to intimidate me, but for me it was truly an execution walk, when the one who was keeping an eye on me put the knife under my neck, invoking "the name of God" to slaughter me, and saying to me, "Speak, if you have anything to say to your parents before the execution". I took his word as verdict, and said distinctly: "I offer my life for peace in Iraq, that her children, Christians and Muslims, may join hands in building this country." - "That's not what I want ...do you want to say a word to them?" he said to me. - "I have nothing else to say," I replied ... Then he withdrew his knife, exclaiming suddenly: "By Allah, these are good words," and the conversation took another tone. This confident abandonment, this invitation to solidarity between Muslims and Christians, was another lesson of my kidnapping. It gave me inner peace and the strength to *sustain me in the vital dialogue with Muslims*. A discussion ensued on traditional doctrinal disputes between Islam and Christianity (the divinity of Christ, the divine sonship of Jesus, the marriage of priests, the sense of gift ...). The visit of one they call their "Emir Prince" put an end to my captivity, and after a little discussion, he ordered my release against a heavy ransom. I was the first cleric to be kidnapped. The worst could have happened, as was the case for my brother Bishop Faraj Rahho, a Chaldean Catholic Bishop of Mosul, kidnapped and murdered in 2008.

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Compassion in this World

"We consider that serving others is a privilege. We try every time to do it wholeheartedly. We know our action is only a drop into the ocean, but without our action, that drop of water would be missing" Mother Teresa of Calcutta. We are Analía and Diego, from Cordoba, Argentina. We've been married for 28 years and members of Teams of Our Lady for 27 years. God gave us 5 children and now we also have a granddaughter. From a young age, while still engaged, we used to pray together to obtain the grace to start a family that would always be ready and open to help others. The Lord gave us His love and in our Team we experienced growth, which increased the maturity of our Faith and our community life.

..... [Click here to read the full story](#)...

Compassion in the Team

Together with our Team members we belong to the Altamura 1 Team. We have been in Teams since 1989. Our friends, Vincenzo and Chiara joined in 2007. From the beginning our greatest desire was to get to know God through love for others. Since Chiara and Vincenzo came into our lives, love has come to us and has lived in us in a new way. Vincenzo and Chiara arrived at a time when we were in need of something new and they brought with them their story of great suffering. From the beginning it seemed as though they had always been members of our team. At the meetings, prayer took on a greater role, and with Chiara's illness, it intensified and gave life to our weekly saying of the rosary. I am Vincenzo, I am 50 years old, I work in administration. I live with my son, Nicola, who is 14, and with my mother-in-law, Tina, since my wife, Chiara, died. At the beginning of our love story, we lived far apart because of work. We relied on each other and trusted in each other. In December, 2002, after only two and a half years of marriage, an accident left me in a wheelchair. You can imagine how shaken our lives were. Our hopes were destroyed and our love extinguished. Faced with suffering, faith weakens, it is shaken and rage erupts. We were in pieces and we did not know how to face it all. It would have been easy to run from all the suffering....In the autumn of 2006, my uncle Lorenzo and aunt Laura, members of Teams in Rome, suggested we join the Altamura 1 Team. The warm welcome by all the Team members again revealed the mercy of God towards us. ...Reassured that we had already received our quota of suffering from life, we thought we had reached an equilibrium and tranquillity. Instead, like a lightning strike from the sky, in April 2012 Chiara discovered a malignant tumour. Night engulfed us again. Chiara felt she had no future. We asked ourselves why: hadn't what we had lived through been enough? [Click here to read the full story](#).

Vincenzo & Chiara Ventricelli



The International Gathering of Teams of Our Lady in Fatima – A Personal Reflection

Dear Reader, this will not be a summary of the events and speeches of the International Gathering in Fatima. There are very comprehensive summaries available to you. I highly recommend the daily journal by Chris and Paul Sanchez referenced on Page 1 of this NW Newsletter. No, this here is a personal reflection on how this gathering has changed me, has changed my understanding of the Movement, has changed my belief in the Movement, and most importantly, has changed the path of my Faith.

Of course, the international gathering was perfectly organized, with an outstanding, although very intense, program. Every day starts at 7am with breakfast in your hotel, runs through the day with very little leisure time, and usually ends by 11pm. I'll come back to the program later. For me, more important than most of the speeches were the people gathered here. Their stories, their past, and their vocation. We witnessed some amazing stories from extraordinary people.

At the basis of your stay is your house and the couples in it. Well, the house is the hotel the organizers assigned to you and other couples, not totally random, but intentionally international. They took care that there is a common language, sometimes through translators, like in my case. Thanks Ana! We ended up in a hotel with chiefly Spanish or Portuguese speaking couples and priests. Spanish and Portuguese, in case you do not know, are closely related so that one can understand what the other one is saying. Besides me, there was one other couple who were not native speakers of either language. Over the course of the week, these 30 couples and four priests become our family. You share your stories and they share theirs. You get to know them well, language barrier or not. One of these stories is about a widow in our house, who did not want to come alone to the gathering. She has been in teams for many years and together with her husband, was very involved in the early growth of the movement. But now, widowed, she was not sure she wanted to come. Friends from her team convinced her. She would have missed something that she, for sure, will not forget for the rest of her life. At the gathering, she met teams from Costa Rica. They remembered her! They were thrilled meeting her! Many, many years ago, she and her husband were piloting the very first team in Costa Rica all the way from Spain. She was so happy to learn that teams in Costa Rica are thriving with 5 sectors and about 50 teams, seeing with her own eyes the fruits of her labor. The Costa Rica teams went through the troubles of finding and very gratefully presenting to her a photo of the first piloted team, showing her and her husband in Costa Rica. How amazing.



Another, shorter story for which we have room here is about the one couple attending from Cuba, a country which was recently piloted from Mexico. Seeing teams taking root in a country in which religion was banned for two generations is something you can only wonder about. Similarly, teams are still very present in the Middle East, like in Syria, besides severe economic hardship, war, and prosecution in this region of the world. One can only marvel how this is still possible. A glimpse of an answer can be found in the very emotional speech of Mgr Basilios Georges Casmoussa, formerly Archbishop of Mosul, Iraq, who was abducted in Iraq, but entered a religious dialog with his kidnappers, who eventually released him because of his Faith.

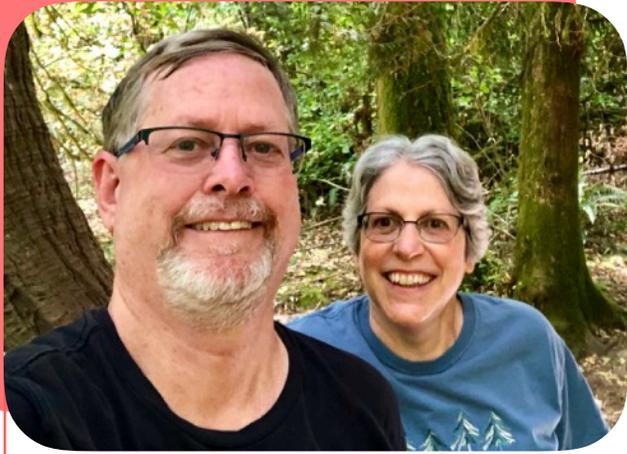
Through these and other stories, I came to believe in that week in Fatima, that our Movement, the Movement of Teams of Our Lady, and the people carrying the Movement, are truly and undeniably blessed.

I also learned that the Movement is much, much bigger than I thought. Yes, I read the numbers on how many teams there are in each country and the world, how the numbers grew over time etc. But experiencing it is quite something different. The cathedral in Fatima, which also served as our conference center, provides room for about 9000 people. We used every single chair. The notable part here is how much the church supports Teams of Our Lady. The number of cardinals, archbishops, bishops, and priest attending the gathering is nothing short of remarkable. To give a few examples: Archbishop Tolentino de Mendonça presented each day a meditation on the topic of the gathering, the Gospel parable of the "Prodigal Son"; the homily of the Mass on July 19th was given by Monsignor Éric de Moulins-Beaufort, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris; the homily of the Mass on July 20th was given by Cardinal Sergio da Rocha, Archbishop of Brasília, president of the Brazilian National Conference of Bishops; and the homily of the closing Mass was given by Cardinal Manuel Clemente, Patriarch of Lisbon. Lets stop here for a moment, and reread the last few lines again. The Church's support of Teams of Our Lady in these and many other countries is amazing! I found deep gratitude for their sustenance and backing. At the same time, I felt embarrassed and ashamed. The US only managed to have two priests attending the gathering. Encouraged by the close and symbiotic cooperation between the Movement and the church in these countries, we can have only one way forward, doubling our efforts to seek partnership with the Church in the US at all levels of her organization.

Let me close this reflection with a personal moment. During the Mass on Thursday and the following Night Vigil, I asked our Blessed Mother for help with my Rule-of-Life. Unknowingly to me at that moment, my request was granted. I noticed this only days later back in Oregon, that all my struggles with my Rule-of-Life were resolved. It is done. Paying attention to the Rule is not even on my mind anymore, it just 'is'. Naturally. Even to this day, I am still nourished by the blessing I received there. This was very much unexpected, since as some of you know, my faith is German Evangelic. But our Mother seems not to make any distinction there. Did she gave me a push into the right direction of my faith finding pursuit? I want to believe so.

I just wish everyone could have had a chance of similar experiences during the International Gathering in Fatima. But only few of us could attend. I hope, more of us will be able to travel to the next gathering in 2024. It is so much more than just a gathering. It is a life changing experience.

*Martin & Ana Keim
Portland OR Sector A*



We said Yes

A few of you may know us, but as the incoming NW Regional Couple, we would like to introduce ourselves. We are that couple who upon retiring, moved from Florida to Oregon! We love the Pacific Northwest and have always wanted to live here.

About 6 months after moving to Oregon, we were ready to begin the process of finding a new Team. This became a priority as I (Roger) soon realized that life in a Team was much better than not being in a Team. After attending an Information Meeting at Resurrection we said **yes** to our current Team.

Our initial journey with Teams began in 1996, when we said **yes** to an invitation to attend a meeting by our priest. There were 4 other couples we knew from our parish and soon we were meeting once a month going through a pilot book with a woman who had been in a Team in our area in Northeast Florida. We stuck with it but it was only after meeting for about five years that we learned there were over 30 Teams in Tampa/St. Petersburg! We experienced the many benefits of being part of a Sector by attending a few events there, which motivated us to pilot new Teams in our area.

It was a great leap of faith that caused us to say **yes** to being the next Northwest Regional Couple. We had so many questions both about our ability to be effective and what was involved in this leadership position. While we have been in Teams for over 20 years and have said **yes** many times; from being Responsible Couple, Pilot Couple, Information Couple, and Sector Couple, we were now being asked to take on a big chunk of the Western US (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Wyoming and Montana). What's more is we would be following in the footsteps of Paul and Monique Harris, a really stellar Regional Couple who are leaving big shoes to fill.

In serving as NW Regional Couple, we hope to begin by expanding Teams in southern Oregon as well as in Washington. This will only be possible with the help of you, each Team Couple. This is why the organization of Sector Teams is crucial to nurturing current Team Couples as well as beginning new Teams.

We want to thank Martin & Ana Keim and Harold & Ginny McNees for their **yes** to the Sector Couple positions. They are a great help in guiding Teams going forward. So when you are asked or even before you are asked, say **yes** (or maybe 'not yet' until you get to '**yes**'). Think of all the couples who are not aware of Teams Of Our Lady waiting for the opportunity to experience life in a Team.

We still have much to learn and we ask you to join us in praying that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us daily. **"Yes/Amen!"**

Peace! Love! Joy!
Roger & Lynn Porzig
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News from Sector A

We encourage all Team couples to consider attending the 2018 Rosary Bowl on Saturday, Oct 6 in Salem. It is a great event to hear wonderful speakers, attend Mass with Archbishop Sample and of course, pray the rosary. For more information please visit the web site <https://rosarybowlnw.org> and plan on going. Christine Kyoungmin Lee-Roth has offered to coordinate Team couples attending so they can sit together. You can reach her at christineleeroth@gmail.com or 503.888.5782

Portland 05 is expecting to welcome 2 new couples during their next team meeting. Both have been interested in teams and would like to peek inside. We hope they will commit to join Teams of Our Lady.

News from Sector B



Come Holy Spirit! As he did with Saint Francis of Assisi, the Holy Spirit can move us in an unexpected fashion and surprise us, similar to those actions of a "Wild Goose". Come see how the Holy Spirit can surprise and disrupt your lives. Portland Sector B welcomes you to attend this retreat at the Griffin Center, Milwaukie, OR. Reservations are limited. Cost is \$140/per couple w/o room or \$280/couple with 2 nights accommodation at the Griffin Center. Financial assistance is available if needed. Send in your registration and payment to:

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(gilmorefamilys@comcast.net, (503) 656-4290).

News from Boise Pre-Sector

Our Boise Teams are well on their way to becoming a Sector as more and more couples are inquiring about joining *Teams of Our Lady!* Jake & Yesenia Ineck are planning on holding an Informational Meeting later this month for all interested couples. Boise couples will soon see a FaceBook page so to keep everyone up-to-date on the latest Team news!

Please keep in your prayers Sterling for a safe delivery and healthy baby as she has been confined to bedrest the last couple of months. Prayers of Thanksgiving for Lori as she is recuperating nicely from her surgery!

Celebrate!



Portland Sector A Anniversaries

August

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| Portland 2 | John & Maureen Clifford | Aug 12, 2006 |
| Portland 8 | Mike & Lucinda Choi | Aug 19, 2006 |
| Portland 4 | Bob & Denise Tomasovic | Aug 21, 1971 |
| Portland 7 | Paul & Christine Roth | Aug 23, 2008 |
| Portland 7 | Amir & Michelle Mehrabi | Aug 28, 2004 |

September

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| Portland 5 | Gerard and Anna DeBlois | Sep 2, 2006 |
| Portland 5 | Mark and Julie Wagner | Sep 3, 2000 |
| Portland 7 | Greg and Andrea Maurer | Sep 8, 2007 |
| Portland 4 | Robert and Kris Young | Sep 15, 1984 |
| Portland 2 | Lonnie and Jill LaFave | Sep 19, 1993 |
| Portland 2 | Tim & Stephenie Curtiss | Sep 24, 1988 |

Portland Sector B Anniversaries

August

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| West Linn 01 | Nichlas & Joelle Schaal | Aug 2, 2008 |
| Canby | Neil & Michelle Davies | Aug 3, 1991 |
| Canby | Mike & Heidi Gorka | Aug 3, 2007 |
| Oregon City 4 | Tom & Sara Meier | Aug 4, 2000 |
| Oregon City 1 | Bill & Doris Allen | Aug 5, 1972 |
| West Linn 2 | Roger & Lynn Porzig | Aug 6, 1983 |
| Oregon City 2 | Bob & Ann Gilmore | Aug 10, 1985 |
| Coeur d'Alene 1 | Bruce & Bridget Sundahl | Aug 11, 1990 |
| West Linn 1 | Mike & Jackie Purcell | Aug 14, 1999 |
| Oregon City 1 | Dave and Sherry Brost | Aug 15, 1992 |
| Oregon City 2 | Bob Wendling & Charlene Lang | Aug 17, 2013 |
| Oregon City 1 | Barry & Penny Greig | Aug 18, 1973 |
| West Linn 01 | Mike & Jackie Purcell | Aug 14, 1999 |
| Coeur d'Alene 4 | Rob & Jennifer Palus | Aug 20, 1994 |
| Oregon City 5 | Scott & Christine Zetterberg | Aug 23, 1986 |

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| Coeur d'Alene 4 | Craig & Sandra Wirtz | Sep 7, 1996 |
| Oregon City 1 | Ryan & Jocelyn Mainard | Sep 10, 1999 |

October

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| Oregon City 3 | Ryan & Kristin Lillie | Oct 9, 2004 |
| Gresham 02 | Chuck & Michelle Craver | Oct 10, 1987 |
| Oregon City 5 | Dennis & Louisa Mayers | Oct 12, 2012 |
| Oregon City 5 | Chris & Nichole Blair | Oct 19, 2000 |
| Redmond 01 | Ron & Donna Jensen | Oct 23, 1999 |
| West Linn 02 | Julian & Sally Cangelosi | Oct 24, 1998 |
| Gresham 02 | Scott & Janet Rathbone | Oct 25, 1980 |

Boise Pre-Sector Anniversaries

August

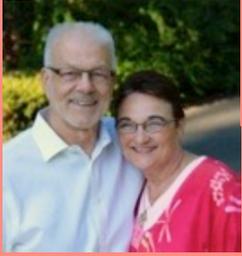
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| Boise 05 | Kevin & Katie Shunta | Aug 2, 2014 |
| Boise 03 | Joe and Jessica Bruce | Aug 6, 2016 |
| Boise 05 | Kevin & Katie Shunta | Aug 2, 2014 |
| Boise 05 | David & Stephanie Renk | Aug 18, 2018 |

October

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| Boise 01 | Sam & Allen Graffe | Oct 8, 2016 |
| Boise 04 | Dave & Peggy Jones | Oct 19, 1985 |
| Boise 03 | Kayla and Derek Hudson | Oct 19, 2013 |
| Boise 04 | Jan & Ed Camp | Oct 30, 1987 |

Western Provincial Couple Update

Rob & Sharla Walsh



The Provincial Couple, Rob and Sharla Walsh, are heading down to Turlock, CA on September 21, 2018 with our two Sector Couples, Martin and Anna Keim and Harold and Ginny McNees and Roger and Lynn Porzig, your Regional Couple. We are primarily going down to have our annual Province and College meeting, and a full Liaison Training for all of the Sector couples and Regional Couples of the Western and Northwest Region. There will be a total of 15 Sector Couples. Everyone will be housed by the Teams couples in the local area. We will begin with Mass on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

We will also be having an appeal for the involvement in the Association of the Friends of Fr. Henri Caffarel. As we will be urging them, we will be urging all of you to understand the Association of the Friends of Fr. Caffarel. This is the golden opportunity for all of us to become involved in the Canonization process of our Founder, Fr. Henri Henri Caffarel, servant of God

Your servants in Christ
Rob & Sharla Walsh

Harold & Ginny McNees

Portland Sector B Couple Update



An Oregon City 01 couple is thrilled to be meeting this coming week with their new pastor, Msgr John Cihak, at Christ the King, (CTK), in Milwaukie, OR to discuss creating a presence for Teams. Ten years ago CTK had two Teams which disbanded after a while. The thrilling aspect for meeting with Msgr Cihak is the fact he already knows about Teams-- and wants to help promote the Movement!

It's our "team retreat" time again in Redmond, OR, located on the other side of Mt. Hood. OC#1 Team will be meeting traveling once again to Redmond, OR to participate in their annual Team Retreat. This particular Team is unique in that they have been together for 10 full years with the full complement of 7 couples. When team members Barry & Penny Greig relocated to Redmond, they have maintained their fidelity to the Team by driving 3 hours to attend every monthly meeting. The other Team members soon decided to drive over to Redmond as a way to Thank You to the Greigs. The Team retreat is structured including using a printed Retreat booklet for writing down any personal insights, reflections, etc. The parts of the Retreat are timed, but not inflexible. Listed in the booklet is the entire weekend. Retreat schedule: presentation times, meal/snack times, singing, Saturday evening Mass, as well as daily free time for walks, biking, or napping. And each couple has previously signed up to prepare a complete meal (entree, sides, and dessert). Typically, the Greigs host dinner on Friday evening to welcome everyone yet the meal is under the format of a Team meeting. The focus of the Retreat is for the Team to discuss in further detail the study they would have completed from the previous year which runs from September through June. Each couple is assigned a chapter from the study in order to make an informal (though thorough) presentation to the Team, which is then followed by a group discussion and reflection. These discussions have proved to be revelatory. Some members have proven to be quite versatile in presenting material. Presentations are approximately 30 minutes in length with another 45 minutes allocated for discussion. Within the discussion period often there is a 10 minute exercise for each couple to discuss privately, first. Then the Team resumes to share their insights. What still amazes the Team is how 7 couples are able to arrange their schedules in order to make the drive to Redmond which is nothing short of miraculous!

Sector B Couple, Harold & Ginny McNees are working on organizing their first Sector Team Meeting in early November. The meeting will include members include Informational Couples, Pilot Couples, Liaison Couples, as well as the new Regional Couple, Lynn & Ron Porzig, and Paul & Monique Harris, Pilot & Liaison Couple for Boise teams. Of course any couples in Sector B who are already invited, but interested in being a Pilot, Informational Couple or Liaison Couple are welcome to attend. Please contact Harold & Ginny McNees. Sector Team B needs more Volunteers!!!

We are also looking for a much-needed Prayer Couple who will pray for all intentions of the sector as well as an increase of new teams. Prayers will also focus upon new inquiring couples considering joining Teams, as well as new 'baby' Teams; and, finally for existing Teams within the sector.

*Ginny & Harold McNees,
Portland OR Sector B*

Let Us Remember in Our Prayers for...



- Tex, recently diagnosed with cancer;
- Lauren, 21 weeks pregnant, hospitalized with complications;
- Deacon Stan, Jacksonville Sector SC, recovering from back surgery;
- John's brother, who has COPD and is now in the hospital;
- baby David who fell into the pool, now in an induced coma; Also for his parents Ivan and Alejandra and his brother. They are in Team #1 in Miami;
- my sister's husband, diagnosed with Leukemia, 25 years old with two young sons;
- our nephew, Jim, hospitalized with Popeye Elbow;
- Helen, Tony's mother-in-law, with an infection in her brain surgery stitches, previously on chemo and radiation treatment;
- our grandson, Andrew, leaving for Marine Boot Camp Training ;
- 4 yr. old granddaughter Autumn, diagnosed with Retinoblastoma, a cancer of the eyes in young children;
- Helen ,who has stage 4 brain cancer;
- my aunt Edith Deters, who has decided to discontinue treatment; May God will to be done;
- the people and the Church of Nicaragua who are suffering repression and profanities at the hands of the government. Include in prayer a change of heart for the government leaders who are attacking churches and peaceful protesters.
- Eileen Call, mother of Tom Call, who passed away the evening of Aug 27.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Heavenly father we ask that you would give us peaceful and trusting hearts especially during difficult moments in our lives. We pray for all of those who are suffering- that their suffering hearts would unite with yours;

““The demands of sanctity must be your concern. To respond to them, you have a sacrament which is yours, the sacrament of marriage.” *Fr Henri Caffarel*

Reconciliation, Sign of Love

New Study Topic 2018-2019

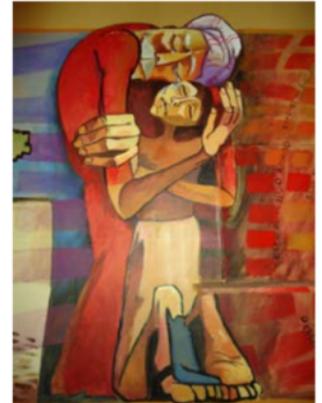
The ERI recommended Study Topic for 2018/2019 has as its title the same motto as what we had for the International Gathering at Fatima, *Reconciliation, Sign of Love*, a shining reflection of our experiences and study during our intense week at the International Gathering with teams couples from around the world. The Gospel theme of this study is focused on the Parable of the Prodigal Son and his Merciful Father, and illustrates God's unconditional love along side man's weaknesses and fragility.

This year's study has returned from last year, now back to the general Team structure and format, and delves deep into not only the Gospel reading but then relates the various struggles and issues to those we deal with today. Just as we learned from the testimonies presented during our week at Fatima, two couples reflect on their experiences in relation to each topic presented in the chapters and gives us opportunity for deep reflection and growth in our conjugal spirituality. Additional reflections are taken from Pope John Paul II, Fr. Henri Caffarel, and a variety of church documents. The topic of these chapters covers:

- 1- Christian meaning of freedom
- 2- Reflection on the purpose of the gifts we receive
- 3- Crisis, an opportunity for conversion
- 4- Focus on our fragility
- 5- Dealing with the pain of our shortcomings
- 6- Mercy and forgiveness, signs of love
- 7- Human justice vs Divine justice
- 8- Changing of order, thus a focus on joy

Enjoy your journey of study and reflection!

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