



TEAMS OF OUR LADY

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Happy New Year! All of us are welcoming 2020 as a new year but it is also the beginning of another decade. We will see many changes in the coming decade from technology to industry to government to world affairs but a constant will be God as the center of all life and love. We in Teams of Our Lady are witnesses of his life and love in living out the Teams endeavors and responsibilities in this world of social chaos and loss of religious affiliation.

We would like to encourage you to read the bulletin of the “Friends of Father Caffarel” that was sent out in January and in particular the talk by Father Caffarel in Sao Paulo in 1962. He points out the first part of the charter, of Teams of Our Lady, uses the verb “they want” eight times which is very different from they have managed or are settled but is a refrain of striving toward something. The goal we strive towards in Teams can become closer but not attained because perfection alone is in our Heavenly Father. So the tension is there to move us toward our goals as members of Teams of Our Lady; 1) fulfill our baptismal vows as well as living out the sacrament of marriage. 2) acknowledge Him as master of our homes. 3) Be of service to the church. 4) strive to be competent in our professional callings and daily work to serve mankind. 5) and to choose Team life with a belief in mutual support and fellowship because of our limitations and how difficult it is to live up to the Christian ideal.

Father Caffarel warns that we must not be complacent with living out the endeavors and consider ourselves to be righteous and not need our Savior which would make us like the Pharisees. We must strive towards perfection and then count on the grace of Christ and not on ourselves. May we model Mary in being humble.

Steve & Glynis



[Praying with Scripture]

"Typically, Lectio is described as 'chewing' on Scripture, savoring its flavor and ruminating on the richness of the text: it feeds and nourishes."

"Benedict XVI to use the metaphor of sauntering , of taking a slow walk through the Bible, stopping to visit with people along the way, gazing at important landmarks. "

"In so doing to pause with the text, to take it in rather than rushing past to the next place or friend or prayer."

"Let the text do their work on us."

Mary is blessed...Because her hearts gaze was always fixed on God, the son of God whom she bore in her womb and whom she contemplated upon the Cross... Mary says to us: "Look at my son Jesus, keep your gaze fixed on him, listen to him, speak with him. He is gazing at you with love. Do not be afraid! He will teach you to follow him and to bear witness to him and all that you do, whether great and small, in your family life, at work, at times of celebration. He will teach you to go out of your yourselves and to look upon others with love, as he did".

Pope Francis (October 12, 2013)

The Spirit of Teams of Our Lady

The team is not an end in itself ; it is at the service of its members ;

- it allows them to experience special times of prayer together and of sharing.
- to help one another effectively in journeying to the Lord and bearing witness to Him.
- *No couple joins a team under pressure and none is forced to remain. But those who do stay are asked to be loyal: to the other couples, to the practice of mutual support and to the formative ways of the Movement, as well being active in the Movement and remaining faithful to the Spirit.*



Honor Roll

So many times, as a Regional Couple, you have the opportunity to say hello to new Sector Couples with exciting installations. Today I would like to honor our previous Sector Couples as saying goodbye can be really hard. Of course we know the couples in Teams of our Lady will always be available and happy to lend a hand, but they won't be attending your Regional meetings or receiving countless email questions. Being called to Teams service and saying "yes" is an exciting time. When it is time to say "goodbye", for the Region Couple, it's kind of like dropping off your college freshmen or walking your daughter down the aisle. Of course you are happy they are moving on to exciting times, but you may not be part of the fun.

This year we have installed new Sector Couples in Kansas A, Omaha, NE, Des Moines, IA, and St. Louis, MO A. Although we have the need for new Sector Couples in Ames, IA, Denver, CO, Kansas KC and our newly qualified Sector in Cedar Falls, IA. ***Prayerfully consider this position. Please contact us if you feel called. Central-rc@teamsfourlady.org*** It is the way of the movement and everyone that has given their time and talent have been valued and treasured. We miss Ed and Sally Henry, Cathy and Art Beccard, Patty and Mark Conway and Bob and Jody Hauf. They will all have a special place in our heart.

We would like you all to welcome Eileen and Brad Burenheide-Kansas A, Tony and Sue Plaza-Omaha, Mitch and Mary Beth Vedane-Des Moines, and Peggy and Tom Oliver-St Louis A. We look forward to working for each of you to help you get acquainted with the Sector Couple duties and know you have wonderful support from previous Sector Couples in your area.

Remember 1 Peter 5:7 - "Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you."

Kirk and Peggy Peterson

Central Region – Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa



Marriage: A Salad Server Meditation by Peggy and Kirk Peterson

We wanted to offer our out going Sector Couple a thank you with a gift they could use and think “Teams of Our Lady”...what better gift to say Teams then a “salad server”?...

The salad server has two parts like a husband and wife one may be a little sharper than the other, but they are designed to work together for service a lone they would only be able to hold a scoop worth, but together they can serve so much more. The two face each other even when apart.

This salad server is made from stainless steel – so they never rust, they stay shiny and strong.

If you turn the server you will see handles. These handles can represent things that can keep the two apart – what keeps us apart? Work, family, money, friends, LIFE...

But there is one rivet to keep the ends balanced, to keep the two together, to help them work as one – when you think about it - that rivet is God, if allowed God will keep our married couple together, keep our married couple in service and keep the husband and wife facing each other – without that rivet the ends would just be a spoon and a fork.

Please use this salad server often and think of your service to Teams of Our Lady as we pray “May God always be your rivet and keep you together. Amen”





Sector Couple Installations
around the North Province



Mike & Ruth Frankey
Hamilton, OH



Mychal & Melissa Hadrich
Sioux Falls, SD Sector



Tom & Cathy Miller
Matt & Jill Reiswig, St. Paul Sector
Jim Hibbs &
Mary Ann Marshall, No. Metro St. Paul
Sector



Lyle & Mary Kay Bungert,
So. Metro St. Paul Sector



Rochester MN Sector gathering for picnic and adventure in corn maze



Family fun on the farm St. Paul, Minnesota Sector



Sector Couples at Regional Meeting for Lake Michigan & Midwest