



# TEAMS OF OUR LADY

NORTH PROVINCE Regions: Central, North Central, Lake Michigan, Midwest

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## Vicar's View

October 7 is a special day in the church calendar. This day is known as the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was instituted by Pope Pius V (who also happened to be a Dominican) in 1572 as a way of giving thanks to the Blessed Virgin Mary for having delivered Christendom from the Turks through the decisive sea battle of Lepanto.

The history of the Rosary and how it came to be is a little long and fuzzy, but basically it originated from a practice of reciting the 150 psalms, and then eventually over the centuries evolved from there to reciting the Hail Mary. The Rosary as we know it didn't actually take its present form until the sixteenth century, and it was the Dominicans who did the most to foster its devotion and make it a popular practice among the faithful.

The Rosary is important because for one, it seeks Mary's intercession. Mary is a powerful intercessor because she is Jesus' mother, and so as a result he never refuses her anything since Jesus is perfectly obedient to his mother. It is also important to note that Mary always points the way to Christ, her whole being is directed towards bringing Christ to the world. Therefore, going to Mary will ultimately lead one to Christ. The Rosary is also beneficial because it helps us to meditate on the life of Jesus and the story of our salvation. Many people do not realize the power that this simple and humble devotional prayer has. But the truth of the matter is that God has given Mary a unique role in the fight against Satan, and it is her humility and obedience that offers the biggest blow towards the arrogance of Satan. Therefore, whenever we pray the Rosary, we enlist ourselves on the side of Mary, set ourselves up in opposition to Satan, and in some way, take on the humble obedient characteristics of Mary herself. (continued on page 2)



*(Vicar's View continued)*

This exercise helps place ourselves in her motherly care and ultimately delivers us safely into Jesus' hands. That is why I encourage you to pray this simple and yet powerful prayer. After all, we can all use Mary's help in order to grow closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

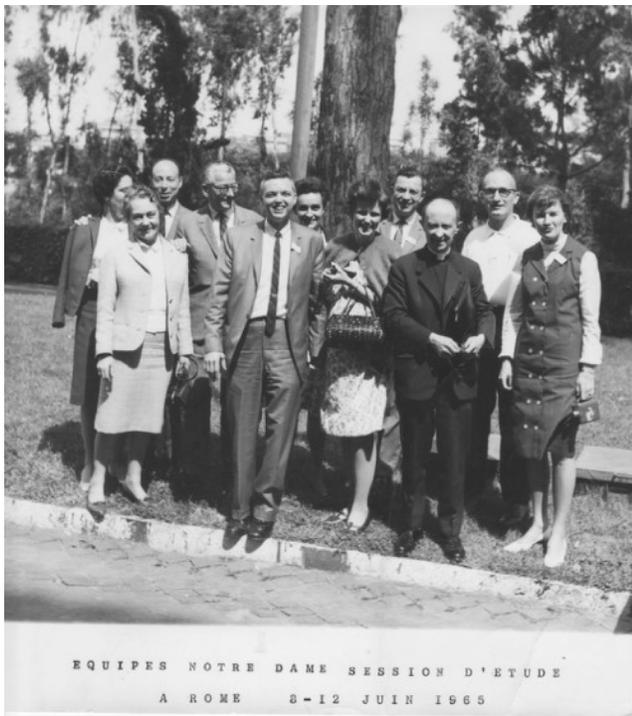
October 13<sup>th</sup> is another important day this year since it marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "miracle of the sun" at Fatima. To give you a little context on this miracle, on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917 Mary appeared under the title, "Our Lady of the Rosary" to three poor shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Mary asked the children to recite the Rosary daily, proclaim the need for moral conversion and erect a chapel in her honor. She continued to appear to them on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month, the last time being on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917 where thousands of people witnessed the "miracle of the sun." In this miracle, the sun appeared to "dance" in the sky to those who came for the apparition at Fatima. This apparition has inspired millions worldwide to draw closer to Christ through the intercession of Mary.

If you haven't heard already, the Teams of Our Lady will be having their international conference next summer in Fatima, Portugal. I encourage you to make this pilgrimage if you can. I'm sure it will be a spiritually uplifting event that will serve to strengthen our marriages and relationship with God. I know I am definitely looking forward to it.

God Bless,

Fr. Paul Ballien

Teams of Our Lady - Northern Province Chaplain



December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Teams Charter.

**Will you be celebrating this event?**

A Mass will be celebrated in the Church of St. Augustin, Fr. Caffarel's parish, and will be presided over by Msgr. de Moulins-Beaufort, auxiliary bishop of Paris.

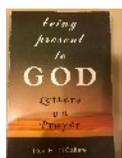
*We encourage all Teams to consider attending Mass as a Team or couple on December 8<sup>th</sup> in your local parish.*



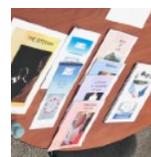
## North Province News & Views

We have enjoyed a summer of rich blessings. July found us in Ireland and Scotland on vacation. The beauty of these countries took our breath away and the people were among the kindest we have ever met.

August began with a trip to Fredericksburg Texas for a super regional meeting, a College meeting, sector couple training. The hospitality of the Texas teams is outstanding and Fredericksburg, a gem to visit. The best part as usual where the teams couples from all over the United States. We have been blessed just being with these couples and walking with them in the teams way. None of this would ever have been possible without Father Henri Caffarel.



We invite you to visit the national website for Teams of Our Lady and read “Letters on Prayer” by Fr. Caffarel that Rob and Sharla Walsh so graciously translated for all of us to read and enjoy.



Some exciting new material on the endeavors has been put together will be available after the proofreading is finished. This year's study material from the ERI is the “Mission of Love”. It is available in PDF or hardcopy which can be requested from the materials couple.

and



A new initiative called the NTWC “New Teams Weekend Celebration” is just getting off the ground in the United States. Texas held the first one in July. We had a dress rehearsal run in the north province and will be celebrating with the Fargo North Dakota teams in October. Beware it may be coming to your region in the near future!!

Please Mark December 8th on your calendar in solidarity with the world wide movement of Teams of Our Lady for the gift that Fr. Caffarel presented on Feast of the Immaculate Conception 70 years ago.

Steve & Glynis Sturm  
Northern Province

Mary, Queen of Teams Pray for Us.



## College Meeting and Sector Couple Training

Regional Couples were asked to give highlights for there respective regions at the Sector Couple training in Fredericksburg, Texas in August.



Kirk & Peggy  
Peterson  
Central Region

Steve & Julie  
Whitmore  
Lake Michigan  
Region



John & Roz  
Needham  
Midwest Region



Mike & Barb  
Timm  
North Central  
Region  
(Barb was  
home with  
grandchildren)

We had four couples attend Sector Couple Training from the North Province. They were;

Rick and Andrea Rader  
Lake Michigan Region, Indiana Pre-Sector, Teams 2

Shari and Clare Jarvis  
North Central Region, Winona MN Sector, Team 10

Jim and Debbie St. Louis  
Central Region, St. Louis Mo Sector Team 3

Mark and Patty Conway  
Central Region, Des Moines IA Sector, Team 6



On Saturday September 16th the North Central Regional couple, Mike & Barb Timm along with Father Russell Scepaniak, installed the new Rochester, Minnesota Sector Couple, Josh & Sarah Valinski.



Outgoing Rochester, MN Sector Couple is Rick & Carol Fishbune. (Rick was out town) Mike & Barb presents Carol with a token of appreciation.

### **Prayer for the Canonization 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 Glaciere – F 75013 Paris, France.*



## St. Paul, Minnesota Sector Gathering September 17th

Father Peter Hughes of St. Joseph’s Church in West St. Paul, Minnesota, also a spiritual counselor for a new team spoke on Marriage. Some key highlight of his talk were; Personal Prayer is not optional. At the end of the day “Have you helped you spouse on the path to holiness or have you been an obstacle?”



After the talk by Father Hughes, Tom Miller, from the St. Paul Sector asked couples to share their experiences in Teams. Many new and experienced couples shared how they have been enriched and supported in their marriage and family.



Clarissa & Zach Lund  
Maple Grove #1



Terry & Wanda Rawson  
Brooklyn Center 2



Gwyn & Brian Walter  
West St. Paul #1



Curt & Annie Mangan  
Pine City #1



Sara & John Rogers  
West St. Paul #4



## Central Region Spotlight by Kirk & Peggy Peterson

There is much excitement growing in Central Region. After we said YES, we gathered in ABUNDANCE and now we are welcoming new Sector Couples through many planned installations. At each Sector Event you see the face of God through Teams. The couples gather to celebrate with what they have and where they are at in life. While reading Pierre-Marie Dumont's "A Psalter for Couples" we reflected on Psalm 23. We ended with this prayer:

Like the leper in the Gospel, we return to you, O Lord, to give you thanks in this time of peace and joy for us as a couple (and for our family).

Every perfect gift comes from you, and it is you who urges us toward one another, that together we may be an image of your divine life, O God of love, living and true.

Grant us always this peace as we make our way toward your holy abode; and grant that, after the hopes and the joys, the sadnesses and the anguish of this life, we may be reunited for all eternity in the fresh green pastures where you will bring us to new life.

Please welcome our new Sector Couple from Kansas - KC Joe and Veronica Quinn! Installed at the Sector Event held on August 27, 2017. (installed by Kirk & Peggy)



From L to R couples Joe and Veronica Quinn (the new Sector Couple), Ed and Sally Henry, Jim and Moogie Roeder, and Kirk and Peggy Peterson



(Central Region Highlights continued)

On July 16, 2017 Teams of Our Lady gathered for a wonderful first sector event. This was a huge success. The outdoor mass was so inspiring with the vision of the mountains as a backdrop. But more than that it was a true gathering of Teams couples. I have never been to an event that did not have a road block of some kind. Some times you have difficulty getting a location, some times the location you have selected has an issue like the yard for the picnic has not been mowed all summer and the grass is tall enough to lose a small child.



Denver’s first Sector Event. Seven of the 13 teams were represented. Outdoor Mass and Picnic enjoyed by all

Teams couples respond with an attitude of service for each other. Calls go out at

the last minute for those with mowers to come out and have a mowing party before the picnic that will start right after mass and it happens, the picnic goes on without anyone realizing what could have stopped those without faith. Yes, the Teams couples answer the call and step up as needed with happy hearts.

Well Denver had their road block too. A few couples showed up early to begin setting up when they arrived they were welcomed with a big red sign and all the grills tied up. A burn ban.



you plan a picnic and the meat will be cooked on-site and you show up to a burn ban most people would panic. Not the Team members in Denver. They made calls and began gathering as many gas grills that could be gathered in that short amount of time and we had a wonderful turnout of trucks and SUVs with grills rocking the picnic and many bbq kings were crowned that day.

Seven of 13 Teams were represented. What a successful first event. We found a prayer in Pierre-Marie Dumont’s “A Psalter for Couples” that we thought said it best:



(Denver Sector Day continued)

O God, you willed to the covenant of marriage the unshakable bond through which you dwell with us. When all around us falls into chaos, we ourselves falter. Be with us!

Be our refuge! Be the stronghold that protects us against the uncertainties that beset us! Refresh us with the river of love that flows from the heart of Christ. Speak the word of peace, so that we may lay down the weapons of self-defense that we are tempted to turn against one another. Let us rather use our energy to build up the stronghold of our union.

You are our God: strengthen us against all that would disturb and divide us.



Outdoor Mass



Picnic and fun by all

## Denver Sector Day 2017

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OF THE NATIONAL TEAMS OF OUR LADY MOVEMENT.