



Engaged



Newlyweds



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Living in Love

Electronic Newsletter of the Pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal Center

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Latest News:

Pray for the Bishop's Committee Reviewing Preparing to Live in Love

Exciting news! "Preparing to Live in Love" (PLL) is now in the hands of the "Pastoral Implementation Committee" or "PIC," a broad cross-section of clergy and lay leaders assisting the US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in developing an implementation plan for the bishop's National Pastoral Initiative (NPI). Begun in 2004, the NPI was intended to culminate in a Pastoral Letter to be released in 2008; however, the bishops have wisely decided to add a year to allow time to focus on implementation. They have formed a committee to review available resources and consider possible suggestions. The Chairperson, Lori Gramer, is an old friend of Ron and Kathy Feher, and PLL will be reviewed by the whole committee. We believe that PLL is exactly what the bishops are looking for. Please, please, consider praying for a favorable review. Would you consider praying specifically for this intention every time you receive the Eucharist, have skin-to-skin, or pray together as a couple? This is really crucial, and every prayer counts.

And a Glorious Celebration it was!

A tremendous "Thank you!" to everyone who participated in making the 50th Anniversary of Ordination for Fr Chuck Gallagher such a grand celebration of the gift of his priesthood. Living in Love and Marriage Encounter couples and priests from Massachusetts, Rhoad Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, Ohio, and Missouri gathered for Eucharist at St Thomas of Villanova and lunch at the Feher's. In gratitude for his priesthood, each person made a commitment to do something concrete to love Fr Chuck's bride, the Church. We placed cards on the altar pledging to recruit specific couples for a weekend and even wrote the names on the back. Some also pledged to mentor the engaged, ask specific young men to be priests, or bring PLL to a new parish or diocese. As it has been for 50 years, Fr Chuck's priesthood again blessed the church in a powerful way. The video of his liturgy and homily will soon be available on our website, www.livinginlove.org.



Fr Jerry Ragan, Fr Tom Federline, Fr Tom Hogarty, Fr Mickey Genovese, Fr Chuck Gallagher, Deacon Larry Hammel, Fr Emile Fritsch, Fr Joe Maloney, and Fr Jim Drew



Fr Chuck with Ron and Kathy Feher



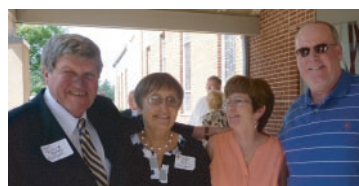
Food, Folks, and Fun



Meghan and Drew Hill and Family



Fr Chuck with Tom and Pam Toy



John and Kathy Colligan with Shawn and Kim Doyle

Leadership Conference this weekend! July, 12-13!

Please pray that the Lord will guide and inspire all our Regional Leaders as they gather for the Living in Love Leadership Conference 12-13 July, 2008. Our "Leadership" includes everyone who is committed to spreading Living in Love and Preparing to Live in Love to couples, parishes, and dioceses throughout the United States and around the world. We have been blessed with people of tremendous passion and commitment and it is a joy to bring such great people together to share the stories of what God has done through Living in Love and Preparing to Live in Love, to thank the Father for blessing our work so abundantly, and to seek His direction at this important time.

Heading South - A Foothold in Virginia!

The pastor and staff of St Edward the Confessor in Richmond have invited the PMRC to bring "Living in Love" and "Preparing to Live in Love" to Virginia. The first weekend is scheduled for 15-16 Nov 2008.

Preparing to Live in Love

Parish based pre-marriage mentoring with a 7 session experiential curriculum that seamlessly integrates Catholic Sacramental preparation, Theology of the Body life skills, and relevant relational skills training

Please Pray for all engaged couples preparing for marriage and specifically for those being mentored through Preparing to Live in Love

Engaged Couple:

- Michelle Jones and Joe Dooley
- Sharmilia Mohanraj and Ryan Murray
- Danielle Kearney and Stephen Phlug
- Julia Saily and Julian Alteri
- Margaret La Fex and James Sisson
- Abby Roach and Matthew Noeller
- Katherine Bailey and Nicholas Romanyk
- Christine Kelleher and Patrick Palus
- Kelly Ann Filippi and Andrew DeStefano
- Ann Marie Spring and Ryan Dougty
- Katherine Senior and Mark Urbanski
- Jana LoBello and Brandon Sethi
- Eileen Fleitz and Ryan McLaughlin
- Kristen Reese and Ryan Jardine
- Kristin Dilks and Steve Lapicki
- Jennifer Barrett and Gauna
- Christina Thompson and Charles Glackin
- Elena Perez and Robert Philips
- Megan Hager and Kurt Moldhuff

Mentors:

- Paul and Diana Hennessey
- John and Marie Kelly
- John and Carol Graham
- Scott and Carol Harris
- Chris and Kammie Keegan
- John and Mary Milligan
- Francis and Pam Stepien
- Bobby and Carol McKiernan
- George and Gerry Riley
- Mike and Barb McCabe
- Dean and Allison Miller
- Tony and Carrie Zahm
- Dave and Julie Zaffarano
- John and Cathy Scansaroli
- David and Stephanie D'Archangelo
- Marc and Terri DeRita
- Le and Carol Turner
- Chris and Jennifer McGlenn
- Lee and Carol Megow

Coming up

Living in Love Weekends 2008

Holy Family, Syracuse NY	23-24 Aug
Assumption, Mechanicville, NY	6-7 Sep
STV, Rosemont PA	18-19 Oct
Holy Family, Syracuse NY	1-2 Nov
CTK, Ann Arbor MI	8-9 Nov
St Bernard, Bridgewater NJ	8-9 Nov
St Edward, Richmond VA	15-16 Nov

Living in Love Convention

Living in Love while living in stress! Staying in love when things get stressful requires knowing your own, and your spouse's "stress makers" and "stress relievers", male female differences, patterns and virtues in times of stress. We all live with stress. It's how we handle it that can really make a difference in our experience of passion and delight no matter what the circumstances.

Make sure to fill your tank! It's like defensive driving. If we can anticipate what's coming, we can plan ahead and handle it better. Putting in more prayer, couple time, and romance can keep us at the top of our game.



June 19-21, 2009

TOB IQ?

Where did the Theology of the Body come from? Was John Paul II inspired by others?

The Trinitarian core of John Paul II's vision can be traced back to his own, Karol Wojtyla's, encounter as a young man with the poetry and theology of St John of the Cross. His doctoral dissertation was "Faith according to St John of the Cross." Three points of contact between the key text in "Living Frame of Love" (St John of the Cross) and JP II's TOB are particularly clear and important. 1. Love implies a cycle of mutual giving, supremely the gift of self, 2. The paradigmatic instance of such self-gift in human experience is the spousal relation between man and woman, and 3. The Trinity is the archetype of such love and gift from which the love and gift from which the love between God and human persons as well as love between human beings derives as an imitation and participation.

Upcoming Weddings

The following couples who were mentored through Preparing to Live in Love will marry this month or early next month.

Parish:

Wedding Date:

St Thomas of Villanova, Rosemont PA

Christine Kelleher and Patrick Palus	4 Jul
Courtney Tirri and Michael Clemente	5 Jul
Courtney McCabe and Scott Smith	26 Jul
Carolyn McLoughlin and Daniel Keelan	15 Aug

Holy Family

Jacqueline Bowlware and Justine Pritchard	12 Jul
Darcy Combs and Thomas Niland	26 Jul
Margaret LaFex and James Sisson	2 Aug
Kelly Filippi and Andrew DeStephano	15 Aug

St Monica

Maureen McKenna and Billy Carr	9 Aug
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