



Engaged



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Living in Love

Electronic Newsletter of the Pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal Center

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Latest News:



The Priest who gave us "Skin to Skin" celebrates 50 years of priesthood that changed our lives - Fr Chuck Gallagher, S.J.

50th Anniversary Mass - 11:00 AM, June 21, 2008 - St Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Chapel, 1229 West Lancaster Avenue, Rosemont, PA Father Chuck has been a compelling prophet of the Sacrament of Matrimony and a major force for renewal in the Church. He was the originator of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Movement, the Parish Renewal Experience, Antioch, Barnabas, Parishioner Empowerment, Celebrate Love, and Living in Love. **All are welcome to attend the mass!** Anyone who would like to participate in the luncheon to follow, please contact Ron and Kathy Feher, PMRCusa@msn.com

Living in Love in Trinidad!

Ron and Kathy Feher have been invited to present the first Living in Love weekend in Port of Spain, Trinidad in November 2008! The weekend will be offered in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary celebration of Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Trinidad and at the request of Susan Henry of the Diocesan Family Life Commission who is interested in training couples to facilitate Preparing to Live in Love for the engaged. Susan recently returned home to Trinidad after completing studies at the John Paul II Institute in Washington, DC and has been enthused about both Living in Love and Preparing to Live in Love ever since she saw the program materials. Please pray for the success of this outreach to the Church in the Caribbean.

Philly Friday Night, "Date Night" - 30 May!

St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Auditorium. Kick back and have some fun hanging out with other couples who are living in love.

The evening will start with a wine and cheese tasting at 6:00PM for young couples, married or engaged, who experienced Preparing to Live in Love when they were engaged. This is a great way to meet other couples your age with whom you have so much in common. Bring your favorite wine or cheese, and feel free to invite your mentors to join you as well.

7:00 p.m. A night of food, folks, and fun begins. Bring your wedding album, and your favorite song to dance to. We will provide the beer, soda, coffee, and salad. Bring along an appetizer, entrée or dessert to share, and RSVP to Peter and Janice Thompson, 610-649-5166, thompson.jp@verizon.net

Pump Up The Passion:

Top 10 Tips for Staying "in Love!"

- 1. Love smarter not harder:**
 - Learn what makes the other feel "in love"
- 2. Affirm each other as a man or woman everyday**
 - Verbally and non verbally affirm each other lavishly like lovers, not brother and sister or friends
- 3. Ask the Lord to send you to the other**
 - Pray for the specific grace you need to be other-centered, e.g. Compassion, An affirming spirit, Freedom to love, Passion and desire, Delight
- 4. Share your faith**
 - Pray together, share your faith experiences
- 5. Flirt before you speak**
 - You are more important than the issue
- 6. Be a couple first**
 - Before you parent, work or relate to friends
- 7. Renew your wedding vows regularly**
 - Speak your vows before you make love, repeat your vows every time you receive the Eucharist
- 8. Take time to be in love everyday**
 - Make eye contact and touch meaningful and affirming
- 9. Share your feelings in writing**
 - Identify and describe what you are feeling; Pray and Affirm before you write
- 10. Never go to bed angry**
 - Make Reconciliation a priority; Learn to say "Will you please forgive me?"



Convention 2009!

It's not too early to begin thinking ahead to 2009 and the excitement of gathering couples from all over the country who are intentionally growing in love and living a passionate lifestyle with enthusiasm and joy! We look forward to a magnificent celebration of unity and an opportunity to encourage and inspire one another.

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:

Karen Shubert and Patrick Noonan
Courtney McCabe and Scott Smith
Kirah Miles and Kyle George
Katie Rostovskis and Michael Donnelly
Michelle Jones and Joe Dooley
Nicole Klophaus and Ben Sheppard
Audria Stubna and Paul Raff
Sharmilia Mohanraj and Ryan Murray
Darcy Combs and Thomas Niland
Danielle Kearney and Stephen Phlug
Julia Saily and Julian Alteri
Megan Walker and Dennis Ruane
Lindsey Barkauskie and Jan Strippoli
Michelle Camps and Jerry Heinz
Margaret La Fex and James Sisson
Courtney Ross and William Walker
Abby Roach and Matthew Noeller
Stephanie Miller and Mark Vallely
Katherine Bailey and Nicholas Romanyk

Mentors:

Phil and Jessie Braun
Jim and Liz Clark
Domenic and Sarah Forti
Joe and Kathy Tamney
Paul and Diana Hennessey
John and Cathy Scansaroli
Bob and Ruth Arata
John and Marie Kelly
Scott and Carol Harris
John and Carol Graham
Scott and Carol Harris
Chris and Kammie Keegan
Matt and Renee Massaua
Mike and Carol Abele
Chris and Kammie Keegan
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John and Mary Milligan
Francis and Pam Stepien
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Engaged Couple:

Christine Kelleher and Patrick Palus
Kelly Ann Filippi and Andrew DeStefano

Mentors:

Bobby and Carol McKiernan
George and Gerry Riley

Upcoming Weddings

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

Parish:	Wedding Date:
St Thomas of Villanova	
Tina Volikas and Ed Cappiello	3 May
Jessica Oster and Kris Mayhue	24 May
Elizabeth Martin and Mike Zodda	31 May
St John the Evangelist	
Alicia Morgans and Andy Snoden	17 May
Holy Family	
Megan Walker and Dennis Ruane	3 May
Julia Saily and Julian Alteri	17 May

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Coming up Living in Love Weekends 2008

Hilo, Hawaii	17-18 May
Holy Family, Syracuse NY	7-8 Jun
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

Please Pray for the Couples who will be facilitating or participating in the upcoming Living in Love weekends in April. Each weekend also depends on donations of desserts, wines, and appetisers to make the Saturday dinner even more romantically special. Anything you can donate will be most appreciated.

The Facilitating Couples are as follows:

Hilo, HI	17-18 May
Ed and Betty Coda	
Holy Family, Syracuse, NY	7-8 Jun
Ron and Kathy Feher	

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There are different translations of the Theology of the Body. Which one is best? The papal audiences were published one by one soon after their delivery by L'Osservatore Romano, and the first single volume compilation of the 129 audiences and 135 distinct catecheses was published in 1985 in Italian under the title, Uomo e Donna lo creo, "Man and Woman He created them." The English speaking world, however, relied for many years on the Daughters of St Paul 1997 translation and printing under the title, "The Theology of the Body - Human Love in the Divine Plan." In 2006, the Daughters of St Paul published a new translation by Michael Waldstein entitled "Man and Woman He Created Them - A Theology of the Body." This latest translation simpler to read, has a fascinating introduction, and is rapidly gaining general acceptance as the best and most authoritative presentation of the work.

Save the Date!!

June 19-21, 2009