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# Living in Love

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## Latest News:

### Viviendo Enamorados!

**The very first Spanish Living in Love weekend took place in Georgia, 9-10 August 2008.** Thanks to the vision of John and Kathy Colligan and Pastor and Glenmary Home Missioner, Fr Bob Poandl, and the generosity of the presenting team of John and Tairi Urear-Roque (Johnson City, NY) and Francisco and Maria Roque (Los Angeles, CA), 10 Spanish speaking couples experienced Living in Love in their own language at St Christopher's parish in Claxton, GA.

Simultaneously, 5 English speaking couples were making Living in Love at Holy Cross Church in Pembroke, GA with John and Kathy Colligan and Andy and Kathleen O'Conner, also of Johnson City, NY. St Christopher and Holy Cross are both Glenmary Parishes pastored by Fr Bob Poandl. John and Kathy Colligan have worked with Fr Bob wherever he has been assigned to bring Living in Love to rural America. For the first time, Fr Bob will continue the Living in Love experience by offering Living in Love Every Day to the couples who participated in Living in Love so that "Preparando a Vivir En Amor" (Preparing to Live in Love) will also be available to prepare the engaged for marriage.

### Excitement! - North, South, East, and West

**Request for information about Preparing to Live in Love and Living in Love have recently come in from San Diego, CA and Lynchburg, VA.** Other contacts have been made with Orlando, FL and Augusta, GA. Please pray for these initiatives as well as outreaches to Boston and Connecticut

### www.foryourmarriage.org

**Check out the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's (USCCB) web site for pro-marriage information, tips, and TV spots.** Preparing to Live in Love, Living in Love, and Living in Love Every Day (formerly the Living in Love weekend follow-up and Preparing to Live in Love Mentor Training) are now listed as resource programs.

### "Tell a Priest!" better yet, "Invite a priest to dinner!"

**A key message of the July '08 Leadership Conference was the importance of spreading the word about Living in Love and Preparing to Live in Love to priests everywhere!**

**Since the priest is the first person a young couple meets with at their parish once they have become engaged, it is imperative that every priest know about the wonderful opportunity to experience Preparing to Live in Love that is available to the engaged.** Please help us get the good news to every priest by inviting those you know to dinner soon. Just tell him about your own experience mentoring, being mentored, or the impact that Living in Love has made on you, and the gratitude consistently expressed by the engaged for Preparing to Live in Love. Contact the PMRC to obtain a testimonial DVD, brochures, or other materials to share with Father. Finally, invite him to try a free sample by sending his next engaged couple to a local mentor. You can even invite him to make Living in Love himself.



**National, Regional, and Local Leaders - July 2008**

Back Row: Tim, Christine, and Nathan Coleman, George and Gerry Reilly, Kathy Feher, Fr Chuck Gallagher, Fr Mickey Genovese, Cathy and John Scansaroli, Ruth and Bob Arata, Stephanie and Dick Giba. Front Row: Le and Carol Turner, Paul and Carrie Marcinkevage, Meghan and Drew Hill, Mary and John Milligan. Missing from photo: Ron Feher, John and Kathy Colligan, and Marie Kelly

### Office Space

**The new PMRC office space at 1023 Tenby Road in Berwyn, PA is being renovated and scheduled to open by the end of September 2008. Please consider volunteering a few hours a week to help spread Living in Love and Preparing to Live in Love.** Volunteers are needed to do typing and filing, help with mailings, invoicing, and record keeping, or simply answer phones with enthusiasm and care. Whatever time, talent, or treasure you offer will bless others in a profound way. Please contact Ron and Kathy Feher at 610-640-4105 or email PMRCusa@msn.com

### Coming up Living in Love Weekends 2008

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| Assumption, Mechanicville, NY | 6-7 Sep   |
| STV, Rosemont PA              | 18-19 Oct |
| 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

#### Love's Eternal Flame, "Passionate NFP"!

In God's magnificent wisdom, He has allowed us to discover the natural rhythms of our bodies that enable us to steward the gift of our fertility without artificial means. The challenge for us is to remain passionately present to each other even during our fertile times if we have discerned prayfully that it is not God's will that we begin or expand our family at this time.

#### Couples will share their stories of staying sexual while using Natural Family Planning (NFP) as well as their personal discernment of when to bring children into the world.

Don't miss this poignant and inspirational witness of couples living in love and cooperating with God's gifts of fertility and passion.



**June 19-21,  
2009**

### TOB IQ?

#### How does the Theology of the Body expand the "one flesh union" of husbands and wives spoken of in Genesis 2:24?

John Paul II states clearly that this unity which is realised through the body indicates not only the 'body,' but also the 'incarnate' communion of persons and calls for this communion (Nov 14, 1979). The "one flesh union" of husband and wife, designed by the creator, cannot be a merely physical reality but a total mutual self donation of mind, body, and soul that is a call to a life of unity. The Vatican II document, Gaudium et Spes 24:3 states that "man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of self." The spousal call of two becoming one flesh is not limited to a bodily function but is an act of the will to love by choice and to offer each other a total gift of self.

## 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:

Sharmilia Mohanraj and Ryan Murray  
Julia Saily and Julian Alteri  
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  
Jana LoBello and Brandon Sethi  
Kristin Dilks and Steve Lapicki  
Christina Thompson and Charles Glackin  
Elena Perez and Robert Philips  
Megan Hager and Kurt Moldhuff  
Sara Corbett and Thomas Preville  
Kassia Stasiak and Bjorn Rofsby  
May Kaye Jacono and David Anthony  
Katherine O'Leary and Bryan Mancini  
Erin Coogan and Scott Phillips  
Anne Graulich and Daniel Grutter  
Erin Buchanan and Matthew Gietl  
Melissa Nelson and Paul Djamoos

#### Mentors:

John and Marie Kelly  
Scott and Carol Harris  
John and Mary Milligan  
Francis and Pam Stepien  
Bobby and Carol McKiernan  
George and Gerry Riley  
Mike and Barb McCabe  
Tony and Carrie Zahm  
David and Stephanie D'Archangelo  
Le and Carol Turner  
Chris and Jennifer McGlenn  
Lee and Carol Megow  
John and Carol Graham  
Bob and Jean Blaisse  
Gary and Joy Shugrue  
Ron and Kathy Feher  
John and Judy Darweesh  
Jeff and Amy Randolf  
Ron and Kathy Feher  
Scott and Kristine Nolan

## 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: |
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| <b>St Thomas of Villanova, Rosemont PA</b> |               |
| Susie Lopes and Frank Sobaru               | 6 Sep         |
| Kirah Miles and George Kyle                | 20 Sep        |
| Eileen Fleitz and Ryan McLaughlin          | 27 Sep        |
| Katherine Senior and Mark Urbanski         | 27 Sep        |
| Michele Camps and Gerard Heinz             | 4 Oct         |
| <b>Holy Family, Syracuse NY</b>            |               |
| Katherine Bailey and Nicholas Romanyk      | 19 Sep        |
| Elizabeth barnasky and Jason Martin        | 4 Oct         |
| <b>Our Lady of the Mount, Warren NJ</b>    |               |
| Kristen Reese and Ryan Jardine             | 6 Sep         |
| <b>St Bridget, Philadelphia PA</b>         |               |
| Karen Witiw and Oscar Rueda                | 6 Sep         |
| <b>Sts Peter and Paul, Philadelphia PA</b> |               |
| Sharmilia Mohanraj and Ryan Murray         | 4 Oct         |