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Newlyweds



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## Latest News:

# Living in Love

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## Fall Expansion Focused in the Midwest and Southeast!

**The July 25-26 Living in Love weekend in Rockford, IL provided further impetus to the momentum building in the Midwest. Two more weekends have been scheduled in October and November in the Rockford Diocese with a third possibility for the fall also in the works.**

The St Rita's weekend boasted three rookie presenting couples who were each a great success - Craig and Ginger Robinson, Brian and Anne Marie Coyle and Patrick and Danielle O'Toole. Patrick is the Family Life Director for the Diocese of Springfield, IL. He and Daniele are hoping to expand to Springfield in November and have a firm plan to implement Preparing to Live in Love right away. The O'Toole's will also help present the first Living in Love weekend in Carmel, Indiana on October 10-11. That weekend will be led by Dick and Stephanie Giba from Ann Arbor Michigan and their team of Allan and Michele Hufnagel and Paul and Nancy Ligeski from Christ the King.

Many couples have recently made Living in Love from parishes in Chicago, IL as well as Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Their enthusiasm promises to light up the midwest with the Diocese of Rockford leading the way as a marriage building church.

Meanwhile the South may just rise again with upcoming weekends in Virginia and Georgia. In addition, Allen and Alex O'Rourke who made Living in Love in Philadelphia have relocated to Raleigh, NC and are determined to bring the weekend to both North and South Carolina as soon as possible. They will join the team of Ron and Kathy Feher, Mike and Missy Lammers, and Bill and Michele White for the next Living in Love at St Mary on the Hill in Augusta, GA.

## Opportunities to Continue to Live in Love this Fall!

**If you have not yet experienced Living in Love Every Day, don't miss the opportunities in your local area coming up this Fall.**

**"Living in Love Every Day" is a life changing, experiential, and uniquely practical life skills course open to any couple who has made Living in Love.** Couples meet once a week for just two hours packed with fun exercises, practical insights, and simple strategies for living in love every day. The printed materials offer refreshing clarity and the homework assignments are a blast. The course most often takes place in homes, is a great date night and community builder. Even more significantly, the course can prepare you to mentor your own teenage and young adult children, evangelize your peers, or officially mentor the engaged.

**Philadelphia, PA** - Sunday or Weekday Evenings beginning early September - Weekday evenings beginning early October - Weekday evenings or possibly weekends beginning early November

Weekday evening sessions will be led by Matt and Renee Massua and weekend sessions by Bob and Ruth Arata

**Ann Arbor, MI** - Early November. Contact Dick and Stephanie Giba

**Rockford, IL** - Groups currently meeting in Aurora and Huntley - St Rita's to begin in August and again in October - Holy Apostles beginning in mid to late November. Contact Ann Marie Coyle at Bishop Lane Retreat Center.

**Las Cruces, NM** - Beginning early October. Contact Bob and Paulette Brotherton.

**Augusta, GA** - Beginning late October or early November. Contact Jim and Lorena Smith.

**Richmond, VA** - Beginning mid October. Contact Mike and Joan Nelson



**Recent Graduates of Living in Love Every Day - Old Saint Joseph's - Philadelphia**  
Christy and John Bracken-Vasquez, Allen and Alex O'Rourke, and Brendan and Jenna Flanagan

## New Resources and Program Opportunities!

- **"Matrimony, Jesus Invites us to Live in Love" for high school students coming soon!**

The Fehers have promised the Diocese of Rockford an updated version of the PMRC's phenomenal high school course that provides an opportunity for teens to experience the Sacrament of Matrimony through the authentic witness of a couple who is living in love. The sessions are lively and experiential and can be used as a CCD or High School religion course. This powerful program provides simple sharing questions for a couple to work through with each other and then provides an opportunity for them to share their real life experience with the teens. Teens learn valuable relationship skills and insights that they can apply in their family life or special friendships and, most importantly, gain the priceless confidence that it is possible to live in love in a sacramental marriage.

**If you would like to be involved in this project, please contact Ron and Kathy right away at 610-640-4105 or PMRCusa@msn.com.** They need typists, proof readers, graphic designers, couples who are willing to try out the couple exercises, and teens who would like to offer input.

- **"Common Sense about Cohabitation" - A small Pamphlet to help parents and young adults address the issue of cohabitation.**

Do you know a young adult who is considering moving in with a boyfriend or girlfriend? This simple little pamphlet can shed light on what happens to a couple's relationship when they live together before marriage. It is a must read for any young adult, parent, concerned friend, priest or teacher. Available in September.

- **"Living in Love Gives Life" - a DVD Series designed to help discern when to have a baby, how to make the decision as a couple, how to nurture the sexual atmosphere in every season, and how to develop the Language of the Body to debunk the myth that we have to abstain from being sexual or damage the unitive dimension during fertile periods when using Natural Family Planning.** Young Living in Love couples who would like to participate in a conversation with other young couples about this subject and who would be willing to be part of a witness video tape, please contact the PMRC at 610-640-4105 or PMRCusa@msn.com.

## Possible Living in Love Every Day 2 day intensive September 19-20!

**Any one interested in experiencing Living in Love Every Day presented as a two day workshop, please contact Ron and Kathy Feher at the PMRC, 610-640-4105 or PMRCusa@msn.com.** This would be ideal for those who cannot attend the normal 9 week course, are from remote areas and wish to be trained to lead the LLED course, or those who would simply like a refresher course or updating for mentors. This workshop will be video taped as a training aide for those leading groups around the country. Overnight accommodations available for out of state participants

Coming up

## Living in Love

Weekends

### 2009

IHM, Las Cruces, NM *	19-20 Sep
Old St Joseph, Philadelphia, PA	26-27 Sep
St Edward, Richmond, VA	3-4 Oct
St Rita, Rockford IL	3-4 Oct
OLMC, Carmel IN	10-11 Oct
St Eleanor, Collegeville, PA	10-11 Oct
Franciscan University, Steubenville OH	10-11 Oct
CTK, Ann Arbor MI	17-18 Oct
St Mary on the Hill, Augusta GA	17-18 Oct
Holy Apostles, Crystal Lake, IL	7-8 Nov
St Thomas, Rosemont, PA *	21-22 Nov

\* Note date change due to facility availability

## Convalescence Going Well



**Continue to pray for a full recovery!**

**Fr Chuck has been moved to a Jesuit rehab facility and is doing well. He is able to walk on his own and is building stamina, 200 yds at a time.**

We do not yet know the long term implications or lifestyle changes that will be necessary except that he says that smoking "is a thing of the past." The real miracle is that he has had no desire whatsoever, thank God!

Please pray that he will have a good checkup this week and that he can maintain his resolve give up smoking completely.

Cards and letters mailed to Fr Chuck care of the PMRC Offices at 1023 Tenby Road, Berwyn, PA 19312 will be delivered to him expeditiously.

Thank you! *Enjoy!*

## PMRC Office Volunteers needed for the fall schedule!

**The PMRC is a fun place to work and meet others who are living in love.** Please consider volunteering your time and talent on a regular basis this fall. Help is needed with mailings and production, typing, editing, phone calls, data entry, web design, or anything you like to do.

**In the legal department, we have a special need for help registering Trademarks.**

Thank you to our faithful and wonderful regular office volunteers who contribute so much wit and wisdom, insight, and prayer every week; Anne Mc Carraher - Office administration, Tuesday am, Carol Smith - Program development, Wednesday am, Denise Leiden - Web master, Thursdays 9-3, and Kathy Tamney - Bookkeeping and Accounts receivable, Friday am.

**We have the office and the equipment all we need is more of you!**