



Engaged



Newlyweds



Married



Very Married

Living in Love

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Latest News:

Exciting Times!

February was a whirlwind of activity and exciting new initiatives beginning with Living in Love in Lynchburg, VA 7-8 Feb. Thanks to Jim and Betty Hileman and David and Anne Coradazzi who recruited and presented the first weekend at St Thomas More in over 7 years. Back then there was no Living in Love Every Day (LLED) followup nor even Preparing to Live in Love. Now there is renewed enthusiasm and Jim and Betty are busy facilitating LLED for 8 couples who are very young at heart.

Valentine's Weekend, 14-15 Feb, always a favorite time for Living in Love, began in **Rosemont, PA** and **Syracuse, New York** with Bob and Ruth Arata and Scott and Carol Harris leading their respective presenting teams for the first time. Meanwhile, Ron and Kathy Feher were speaking to 150 couples in **Rockford, IL** in celebration of World Marriage Day and generating enthusiasm for bringing Living in Love to the Diocese of Rockford with the full support of the diocesan Directors of Family Life, Don and Lorrie Gramer.

Augusta, GA instantly become the "passionate" capital of the south with its first Living in Love weekend 21-22 Feb at St Mary's on the Hill. Pastor Jerry Ragan personally recruited 21 couples and the parish showed Ron and Kathy Feher and Paul and Carrie Marcinkevage some real southern hospitality. With no one on the ground who had previously experienced Living in Love, Ken and Nora Wessling and Jim and Lorena Smith stepped up to the plate and volunteered to lead everyone else through Living in Love Every Day with the reassuring words, "Don't you worry little lady. We're gonna do you proud!"

The pace only picks up from here with **Old Saint Joseph's parish hosting the first Living in Love in center city Philadelphia on 14-15 Mar.** Fr Phil Hurley, S.J. began sending engaged couples to Preparing to Live in Love shortly after arriving at OSJ's last July. His irresistible love for his people led him to experience Living in Love himself in October, and he has since led the way to make the weekend available in the city. The large majority of the couples who have registered were married after 2000; which means, Chris and Jill Welsh (parishioners at OSJ's) and David and Christine Hayward will be the perfect presenting team to balance Ron and Kathy Feher who are now officially "older than dirt."

One week after the OSJ's weekend, Ron and Kathy Feher head west to **Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH 21-22 Mar** where they will be joined with Andy and Bridget Jobst and Aaron and Aracelis Phillips from Ann Arbor, MI to facilitate the first Living in Love at FUS. Steve and Tasha Feher experienced Living in Love at St Thomas of Villanova and then convinced the Chapel Ministries at FUS to offer both Living in Love and Preparing to Live in Love to the university community. Steve and Tasha have already begun mentoring the first Ohio engaged couple to go through Preparing to Live in Love and the weekend and followup mentor training will go a long way toward meeting the need for undergraduate marriage preparation in the coming year.

Then it is off to the sunny southwest, where Ron and Kathy Feher will team up with Bob and Paulette Brotherton to present the first Living in Love in **New Mexico at the Cathedral parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Las Cruces 28-29 Mar.** Bob and Paulette were involved in Celebrate Love in the 1990's and unaware of the evolution of Living in Love and the development of Preparing to Live in Love, applied the same basic principle in their own work with the engaged. Having been ordained to the permanent diaconate, Bob finally heard about Living in Love and Preparing to Live in Love from Ed and Sybilla Alexander and got in touch with the PMRC to begin planning to bring both programs to New Mexican. Bob and Paulette have already mentored one engaged couple and look forward to many more. One of the more exciting aspects of this outreach is that many of the couples on the first weekend are going to be **bilinual Hispanics** which offers the opportunity to expand Living in Love to the Hispanic community in just the way we have been praying for.

Bishop's Conference to offer Living in Love!

The NACFLM Conference in ST Paul MN in June will offer Living in Love as a pre-conference institute.

This will provide a great opportunity for visibility and an even greater opportunity for priests and family life directors from around the country to experience the weekend and take it home with them. Encourage any priest, parish or diocesan Family Life Minister you know to attend the conference and register for Living in Love.



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Coming up

Living in Love

Weekends

2009

Old St Joseph, Philadelphia PA	14-15 Mar
St James, Johnson City, NY	14-15 Mar
Franciscan University, Steubenville OH	21-22 Mar
IHM, Las Cruces NM	28-29 Mar
St Anastasia, Newtown Square PA	25-26 Apr
Holy Family, Syracuse, NY	(TBD) Aug
OLMC, Lafayette, IN	10-11 Oct
St Eleanor, Collegeville, PA	10-11 Oct
CTK, Ann Arbor MI	17-18 Oct
St Mary, Augusta GA	17-18 Oct
St Thomas, Rosmont, PA	17-18 Oct

In Memorium

The Most Reverend **Thomas J Welsh**

1st Bishop of Arlington, VA
2nd Bishop of Allentown, PA

20 Dec 1921
19 Feb 2009



On February 19th, the Church lost a holy, self effacing man, a joyful priest, a life-giving Bishop, a champion of the pre-born, and a true friend of marriage and family life.

Bishop Welsh loved a good joke and came from a family that enjoyed playing tricks on each other. While he never took himself seriously, he was always a man of deep faith and reverence for Church. He was the first pro-life bishop in the United States. He personally prayed in front of abortion clinics and testified before state legislatures.

Bishop Welsh served on the Pontifical Council for the Family and always had a personal love and respect for the Sacrament of Matrimony. He certainly was a friend of Living in Love and Preparing to Live in Love not only encouraging their development but providing continuing wisdom and guidance with a father's gentle care.

We miss him dearly.

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

On-going Mentoring

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

Engaged Couple:

Anne Graulich and Daniel Grutter
Erin Taylor and Greg Vizza
Cara Coulter and Steve Cardella
Joanna Raymundo and Freddy Velazquez
Michelle Schroth and Pete Tomasello
Jessica Svihla and Michael Procopio
Kari Malpas and Lender Quiros
Adrienne Farley and Carter Ames
Jennifer Prudencio and Richard Joco
Hali Butler and Dan Hatting
Bridget Tierney and Michael Brown
Briege Ryan and Joe Ibanez
Amie Mulvaney and John Koch
Nina Filletti and Mark Ranieri
Elizabeth Toledo and Joseph Gonzales
Suzannah Hall and David Maynard

Mentors:

Jeff and Amy Randolph
Jim and Liz Clark
Tony and Carrie Zahm
Paul and Diana Hennesey
Steve and Jeanine Juth
Frank and Karen Onesti
John and Cathy Scansaroli
Joe and Karen O'Neil
Joe and Anne Bongiovani
Lee and Carol Megow
Eric and Erin Dells-Smith-Dells
Vince and Bridget Stinger
Dave and Julie Zaffarano
Mary and John Milligan
Jack and Betty Sabol
Ed and Pat Ryan

Sarah Schmidt and Brian Formoza
Dominique Scarentino and Michael Nidzialek
Jennifer Komeanecky and Ryan Brundin
Stacie Pavente and Jonathan Fitzgerald
Lauren Kuller and Adam Strittmatter
Andrea Ciarlo and Edwin Siegreid
Lauren Tucci and George Shafer
Gina Sedgewick and Brian Zamrin

Paul and Nancy Hefti
John and Carol Graham
Fran and Pam Stepien
Jim and Karin Evans
Gary and Joy Shugrue
Buck and Carmie Buchanan
Bob and Carol McKiernan
David and Stephanie D'Archangelo

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 Agnes, West Chester PA Jessica Bayer and Matthew Chominski	21 Mar
Old Saint Josephs, Philadelphia PA Stephanie Madden and Steve Snyder	4 Apr
Lisa Maglione and David Meckes	4 Apr
Holy Family, Syracuse NY Amanda Wheeler and Justin Hardie	4 Apr