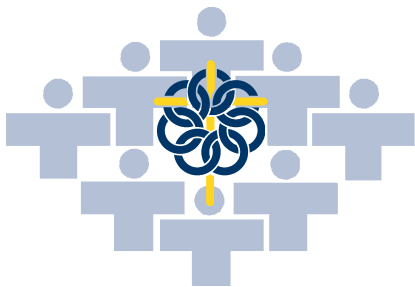


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ELIZABETH MINISTRY GATHERING

March 19, 2005, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In Elizabeth Ministry, women reach out to women during times of pregnancy, infertility, childbirth, and the various stages of motherhood. The "personality" of Elizabeth Ministry varies from parish to parish, because there are so many different ways of responding to needs. At some parishes the ministry is thriving; at others, it has great potential but needs a boost.

This morning at the St. Charles Pastoral Center will offer Elizabeth Ministers time to share both the ideas that work well at their parishes as well as any concerns they have surrounding the ministry. Elizabeth Ministers will also have the opportunity to listen to guest speaker Dolores Potterton deliver an uplifting talk on Caring for Yourself. Dolores is a certified family life educator who is passionate about helping people learn and develop "new eyes" so they can create a better tomorrow. The suggested fee of \$10.00 includes a variety of nourishing snacks and materials.

All Elizabeth Ministers are invited and encouraged to come to this morning of enrichment and sharing. To register call 815-838-5334 or use the enclosed form. For information ask for Desirée Marciani.

A special day for all on April 23

PARENTING THROUGH CRISIS: HELPING KIDS IN TIMES OF LOSS, GRIEF, AND CHANGE

Children are deeply affected by divorce, by death, and by countless other painful transitions, and the effects can be relatively long-term. Whether we are their parents, their teachers, or simply concerned adults or ministers, are we equipped to help them? Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized speaker and author on this subject. She has enriched the lives of hundreds of thousands through her books, seminars, and award winning audio and video programs. Her presentations on April 23 will help all of us be in a better position to care for all of our children.

Parents, stepparents, grandparents, teachers, ministers, catechists, youth ministers, support group facilitators, and every one else are invited to this important day. The April 23 conference is normally held for the divorced and the widowed members of our community, but this year the conference has been opened up to everybody because of the nature of the topic.



Coloroso is also the author of the very well known **Kids are Worth It!** Informed by clinical studies, her lectures are packed with humor, common sense, and wisdom.

The day begins with a 9:00 a.m. check-in and will conclude with a liturgy at 4:00 that satisfies the Sunday obligation. For those who are divorced or widowed, there will be a newcomer's orientation, and a resource center with materials and further information about other sources of support and enrichment. The \$25.00 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and all materials. Please register by calling the Center at 815-838-5334 or by using the enclosed order form. For additional information, ask for Desirée Marciani.

PRESENTATIONS ON MARRIAGE IN FEBRUARY

There are a variety of events for married couples taking place around the diocese during the month of February.

On **February 5**, Dr. Jim Healy will speak at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Gibson City. Couples are invited to attend Mass at 6:00, followed by dinner and the one-hour presentation. The topic is "Back to Back, Face to Face, and Shoulder to Shoulder: The Three Vows of Christian Marriage." Healy is the director of the Joliet Diocesan Center for Family Ministry. There will be a modest charge per couple. Please register by January 21 by calling Sarah Sarantakos at **217-784-5687**.

On **February 19**, Dr. Healy will speak on the same topic at St. Irene Parish in Warrenville. Again, couples are invited to the 5:00 Mass, where there will be a blessing for couples. A social hour with hors d'oeuvres and wine will precede the 7:00 presentation. There is no cost to the couples. Couples who are not members of St. Irene's are asked to pre-register by Monday, February 14 by calling Denise Schmidt at **630-393-1916**.

On **February 6**, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Darien will host "Table for Two," with speaker John Bloomberg. Please call Margaret Pinas at **630-852-3303** for details.

Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, World Marriage Day takes place on the second Sunday in February (**February 13, 2005**). World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. In addition to special events taking place at many parishes, Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites all married couples to attend a dinner dance on **Saturday, February 12**, at St. Daniel the Prophet in Wheaton, IL. The evening begins with the 5 pm Mass, and continues with dinner and dancing at the parish hall. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Dan & Cheryl Montgomery **630-629-2506**.

On March 19 NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS TRAINING

All those involved in ministry to engaged or married couples are invited to a special update on communications skills training offered by Dr. Jim Healy, director of the Center for Family Ministry. The last ten years have seen a considerable increase both in our knowledge of what is most important in our spousal interactions, and of practical ways of imparting this information.

The time will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the workshop will be held at the St. Charles Pastoral Center. The \$10.00 per person fee covers refreshments and all materials. To register, please call the Center at **815-838-5334**.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER SETS WEEKEND DATES FOR 2005

Catholic Engaged Encounter in the Diocese of Joliet has announced the dates for the coming year. They are:

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| January 7-9 | June 3-5 |
| February 4-6 | September 9-11 |
| March 11-13 | October 14-16 |
| April 8-10 | November 4-6 |
| May 13-15 | December 2-4 |

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience designed to help couples prepare for marriage. The engaged couple is given the opportunity to talk honestly and intensively about their prospective life together, considering such topics as strengths and weaknesses, ambitions and goals, attitudes about money, sex, children, family, and Church. Personal reflection and communication are the main focus. Engaged Encounter is approved by the Diocese of Joliet as a marriage preparation program. It is held at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville.

Couples who book ahead should have no problems attending a weekend. However, since the weekends do fill up, interested couples should contact Engaged Encounter as soon as possible. Please note that, because of limitations of the building, there are no weekends available in July or August.

For reservations or further information call **630-375-7072**, or on the web at www.engagedencounter.org

SPANISH ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

The next Spanish Engaged Encounter will be **March 12-13, 2005**, and will be held at the Saint Charles Pastoral Center. Couples attend on Saturday, beginning at 7:45 a.m., return to their homes Saturday night, and then come back to the Center for the Sunday session, which ends about 4:00 p.m. Additional weekends are scheduled for **July 23-25 and November 12-13**.

All sessions are in Spanish, and the cost is \$65.00. For reservations, or for more information, call the Hispanic Ministry Office at **815-834-4037**. These weekends are co-sponsored by the Center for Family Ministry and the Hispanic Ministry Office.

Turn a good marriage into a great marriage through a MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This weekend experience can help married couples turn a good marriage (or even a ho-hum or boring) marriage into a GREAT marriage!

- Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day!
- Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married!
- Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

2005 Weekend Dates

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| February 11-13 | September 9-11 |
| April 8-10 | October 21-23 |
| June 24-26 | December 2-4 |

For more information or to register, please call 630-577-0778 or on the web at www.wvme.org

SPANISH MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter also presents weekends in Spanish. Weekends are scheduled for the following dates in 2005.

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| February 11-13 | Chicago | August 12-14 | Rockford |
| February 25-27 | Rockford | August 19-21 | Chicago |
| April 8-10 | Chicago | October 7-9 | Chicago |
| April 5-17 | Rockford | November 11-13 | Rockford |
| May 27-29 | Rockford | November 18-20 | Chicago |
| June 17-19 | Chicago | | |

For reservations or for more information, call Luis & Gaby Granadillo at **630-585-1738** (Rockford), or Miguel & Josephina Hernandez at **773-759-3501** (Chicago).

BEFORE YOU SAY "I DO" AGAIN

A pre-marriage workshop for couples who have been previously married will be offered on Saturday, **January 22, 2005**, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center in Naperville. Presented by Barbara Jarvis Pauls, MA, LCPC, this program will focus on issues that are inherent in re-marriages: blending families, dealing with ex-spouses, issues related to past relationships, and parenting. Foundational areas of communication, conflict resolution, and spiritual intimacy will be covered as well. The Prepare-MC or FOCCUS Inventory will be used as the assessment tool. Annulment petition information will be available for those interested in this process. Please call **630-357-2456 ext 27** for further information and to pre-register.

REMARRIAGE SEMINAR

The **Remarriage Seminar** is specifically designed for couples in, or entering, a marriage where one or both have had a previous marriage. This seminar is a unique opportunity for insight, reflection, and sharing. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Rockford through the Family Life Office, it is open to all, including those planning an interfaith marriage or a Christian marriage in another church.

Presentations include couple and/or group interaction. Topics covered with the help of the team of remarried couples include communication, conflict resolution, blending families, and expectations. The seminar will be held at the Bishop Lane Retreat Center, in Rockford, Illinois on the following dates in 2005

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| January 28-29 | April 15-16 | July 15-16 | October 14-15 |
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To obtain a brochure with more information or to register, please call the Family Life Office, Diocese of Rockford, at **815-965-5011**.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT (CFM) CONFERENCE JULY 15 AND 16

CFM will hold its national conference at Holy Family parish in Inverness, Illinois this summer on July 15 and 16. There will be speakers on marriage and family topics, as well as separate tracks for elementary, middle, and high school students. For more information or to register, please contact Jane Leingang at **812-962-5508**.

Baptismal preparation program

"WELCOME YOUR CHILD" TRAINING ON MARCH 5

Welcome Your Child brings couples together for baptismal preparation to reflect on key aspects of child development, the spirituality of parenting, and the effect of the child on their couple relationship. This program is seen as a prime way of inviting and welcoming these young couples into the parish community, by reaching them at their time of greatest interest and need.

The program requires a parish coordinator and at least one facilitator team of a man and a woman. On March 5, 2005, parishes are again invited to send potential coordinators and facilitators to the St. Charles Pastoral Center for our second training program. A commitment to initiate the program in one's parish is not necessary in order to attend. The training runs from 8:30 to 4:30. It will be offered by Dr. Jim Healy, director of the Center for Family Ministry, and Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, educational consultant and trainer.

The coordinator and each facilitator team require a facilitator manual, which costs \$25.00 each. In addition, there will be a \$10.00 fee for attending the March training, which will cover lunch, refreshments, and all other materials. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Center at **815-838-5334** or use the enclosed registration form.

RAINBOWS® TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE

Divorce, death, and other life-altering crises are devastating experiences and often put family members at risk for a multitude of short and long-term negative effects. However, research findings also indicate that with proper intervention, families adjust to the loss and recover well. The RAINBOWS® program continues to offer healing to families experiencing these losses.



RAINBOWS® is a program which provides support for children and adolescents who are grieving a loss from a life altering crisis such as death or divorce. RAINBOWS® enables those grieving to share their feelings in an accepting environment supported by trained, caring and compassionate adults. Program sites may send their volunteers to the following training sessions at the St. Charles Pastoral Center, in Romeoville. Pre-registration is required. The cost for new coordinator training is \$35.00. New facilitator training is \$55.00, and includes lunch. Please call **815-838-5334** to register. Ask for Desiree Marciani for more information about starting the program.

NEW COORDINATOR TRAINING:

Saturday, January 15, 2005 - 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

NEW FACILITATOR TRAINING:

Saturday, January 22, 2005 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If your parish or school does not have a RAINBOWS® program, or any other means of support for children and families undergoing this painful transition, please encourage your pastor or principal to consider RAINBOWS!

Please note the September 2005 training dates: New Coordinator Training - Saturday, September 10, 2005, New Facilitator Training - Saturday, September 17, 2005.

JOYFUL AGAIN!

JOYFUL AGAIN! is a two-day program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the grief they feel inside and begin to live again after the death of their spouse. The weekend employs a series of video presentations, followed by facilitated small group discussion and private reflection time. Through this process, individuals gain new insights and receive encouragement and support. Trained facilitators, who have been widowed themselves help with the weekend and the discussions.

The next weekend at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville will be on March 5-6. The \$75.00 cost includes all meals and materials. Persons attending may stay overnight at the pastoral center for an additional fee of \$30, or may go home and return again for the second day.

2005 WEEKEND DATES

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| Feb 12-13 | Holy Family, Palatine |
| March 5-6 | St Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville |
| March 5-6 | Bishop Lane Retreat Ctr, Rockford |
| April 2-3 | Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge |
| April 16-17 | Old St Pat's, Chicago |
| July 16-17 | Mary Queen of Heaven, Elmhurst |
| July 27-28 | Bishop Lane Retreat Ctr, Rockford |
| Aug 13-14 | Holy Family, Palatine |
| August 20-21 | Portiuncula, Frankfort |
| Nov 5-6 | Bishop Lane Retreat Ctr, Rockford |
| Nov 12-13 | St Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville |

To register for any weekend, please contact Charlotte Hrubec at **708-354-7211**.

NACSDC – CONFERENCE FOR DIVORCED/ SEPARATED

The North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics will hold its 31st annual conference at the University of Notre Dame from **Thursday, June 30 to Sunday, July 3**. This year's conference, entitled *A Whisper Through the Darkness*, will feature keynote speakers such as Annette Bosco, author of *One Day He Beckoned*, *The Pummled Heart*, and *Shaken Faith*, and Beverly Donofrio author of *Looking for Mary*, *Mafia Marriage*, and *Riding in Cars with Boys*. Individuals who have experienced separation, divorce, or the loss of a relationship, and those who minister to them, will find new insights and resources, as well as spiritual and emotional support for the healing process. **Pre-conference leadership seminars begin on Monday June 27.** To inquire, call Desiree Marciani at 815-838-5334.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Without attention and care, marriages wither. Couples slowly drift apart or are being torn apart by terrible words and actions. When infidelity, alcohol abuse, or drug dependency is involved, the situation may seem hopeless. **Retrouvaille** is helping couples put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. **Retrouvaille**, pronounced "re tro vi", is a French word meaning "rediscovery."

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience, led by trained married couples and a priest. It provides a Catholic spiritual context to work carefully on one's relationship. Through presentations, private reflection and couple communication, couples who are seriously troubled and who may be contemplating divorce are invited to reflect on their marriage and what they need to do to save it. For more information, or to register, please call the number listed below, or check the web at www.retrouvaille.org.

The next weekend in the Joliet Diocese is scheduled for **April 1-3, 2005** at the St. Charles Pastoral Center, in Romeoville. For more information, or to register for this date, please call **(847) 516-3762**.

A complete list of scheduled weekends follows.

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| January 14-16 | Chicago (847- 456-4914) |
| April 1-3 | Romeoville (847-516-3762) |
| May 13-15 | Rockford (815-236-5349) |
| August 5-7 | Chicago (847-456-4914) |
| October 21-23 | Romeoville (847-516-3762) |
| December 2-4 | Rockford (815-236-5349) |

A DAY OF REFLECTION AND SUPPORT FOR ANNULMENT PETITIONERS

Working on annulment papers alone without support can be emotionally painful, overwhelming, and frustrating. Papers often get shoved into a desk drawer and more often than not are never worked on again. In an effort to help petitioners complete the process, the Center for Family Ministry, in collaboration with the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal, is once again offering a Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners on **Saturday, February 19, 2005** from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the St. Charles Pastoral Center.

This workshop is designed for divorced persons who have petitioned the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal to begin the annulment process, have submitted basic data for introduction of their case, but have not yet completed the Marriage Summary Questionnaire. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to attend, whether remarried or not.

The day will include a time of prayer, time for questions and input regarding annulments and the relational issues dealt with in the questionnaire. Participants will begin or continue filling out the questionnaire within a supportive environment. A team of pastoral ministers will be available for private consultation.

Continental breakfast, lunch, and materials are included in the \$15.00 fee. To register call **815-838-5334**. For more information ask for Desirée Marciani.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK, DYING, AND GRIEVING

We often feel unprepared to help ourselves or others deal with transitions, losses, illness, and death. This course explores the dynamics of loss and grief. Participants will learn practical skills for ministering with people who are experiencing loss, with an eye to offering short-term comfort and long-term healing.

This 3 credit hour graduate course is offered by Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies, and is taught by Amy Florian, M.P.S. The class will meet on Saturdays, January 22, February 12 and 26, March 12, and April 2 and 23, at the St. Charles Pastoral Center.

For further information or to register, please call the IPS Office at **312-915-7400**.

COUNSELING IN SPANISH

The Lombard office of Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet now offers bi-lingual, bi-cultural counseling for Spanish speaking families. Catholic Charities offers a sliding fee scale arrangement. For an appointment, please call Carmen Camacho, MA, LCPC 1-800-240-7011.

In addition, through a special grant from the Diocesan Campaign for Human Development, Agape Missions of Joliet is now offering counseling in Spanish every Wednesday at Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Joliet. The cost is free to the individuals, couples and families who use the services. For an appointment, call Carlos Aquino, MA, at 815-723-1548 ext 23.

Effective Choices, Effective Parents

WINNING COOPERATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

A workshop for effective parenting will be presented on Saturday, February 5, 2005, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Catholic Charities Lombard office, 26 West St. Charles Road. The cost will be \$20 per person and \$25 for couples. Cost includes all materials and refreshments. The day's presenter will be Jim Gilligan, MSW, RSW.

In this workshop you will learn how to win cooperation with, be more effective in relationships with children, develop an understanding between a parents behavior and a child's behavior, and look at making effective choices vs. ineffective choices

To register or for more information, please call Catholic Charities (Lombard office) 630-495-9850.

September 21-24, 2005

NATIONAL FAMILY MINISTRY CONFERENCE APPROACHING

Those whose ministry lies in strengthening and inspiring families have a treat coming. The National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers is celebrating their 25th anniversary with a special conference in Chicago next fall. Nationally known speakers in the various areas of marriage and family ministry will be on hand. There will be opportunities to hear new ideas, to network with others, to view a wide variety of resources, and to pray together for the Lord's blessing on families. Those interested can register for the entire conference or only for Saturday. For more information, please call the Center for Family Ministry.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 28, 2005

It's not too soon to get the word out that the Twenty-seventh Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, August 28, 2005. Many couples celebrating their 50th anniversary look forward to this special Mass. More specific information will be forthcoming. Until then, please mark your calendars!

SPECIAL GATHERING FOR MARRIAGE COUNSELORS

The Faith-Based Marriage Counselors' Group meets quarterly to discuss the intersection of their faith, their counseling, and their personal lives. All who are involved in marriage counseling in any way within the Joliet Diocese are invited. The next meeting is Friday, January 14, 2005 at the St. Charles Pastoral center in Romeoville, Illinois. The time will be 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Those who would like to attend should contact Donna Dhein at 630-493-9838.

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JANUARY

4 Natural Family Planning, Session I
7-9 Catholic Engaged Encounter
14 Faith-Based Marriage Counselors' Group
14-16 Retrouvaille, Chicago
15 RAINBOWS Coordinator Training
22 RAINBOWS Facilitator Training
22 Before You Say "I Do" Again, Naperville
28-29 Remarriage Seminar, Rockford

FEBRUARY

1 Natural Family Planning, Session II
4-6 Engaged Encounter
5 Winning Cooperation With Our Children, Lombard
11-13 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
11-13 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
12 World Marriage Day Dinner Dance, Wheaton
19 Annulment Reflection Day
25-27 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish

MARCH

1 Natural Family Planning, Session I
5 Welcome Your Child
5-6 Joyful Again! Retreat
11-13 Engaged Encounter
12-13 Hispanic Engaged Encounter
19 Elizabeth Ministry Enrichment
19 New Developments In Communications Skills Training

APRIL

5 Natural Family Planning, Session II
1-3 Retrouvaille, Romeoville
8-10 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
8-10 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
8-10 Engaged Encounter
15-16 Remarriage Seminar, Rockford
15-17 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
23 Parenting Through Crisis

MAY

3 Natural Family Planning, Session I
13-15 Engaged Encounter
13-15 Retrouvaille, Rockford
27-29 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish

JUNE

3-5 Engaged Encounter
7 Natural Family Planning, Session II
17-19 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
24-26 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
30-7/3 NACSDC Leadership Seminar & Conference, South Bend

JULY

15-16 Remarriage Seminar, Rockford
15-16 International CFM Conference, Inverness
17-19 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
23-25 Spanish Engaged Encounter

AUGUST

5-7 Retrouvaille, Chicago
12-14 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
19-21 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
28 Wedding Anniversary Mass

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REGISTRATION FORM

We have included this generic registration form for your convenience. Please duplicate it if you wish to register for one of our programs.

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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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