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## **Diocesan Ministry of Consolation Training**

Sat., September 6 & Sat., September 13 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat., September 20 — 9 a.m. to 12 noon

This 2½-day training event, presented by Desiree Marciani, M.S. and Sister Sharon Marie Stola, OSB, D.Min, will take place at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. It is designed for those who have never attended a ministry of consolation (bereavement) workshop. Each participant will receive the *new* edition of the **Ministry of Consolation Participant Workbook** from the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. (NCMB). This new resource has multicultural information on grief, and an additional unit on healing and meditation. Other areas of focus will include communication skills, setting up the parish program (including the Order of Christian Funerals), self-care for the minister, and support group facilitating skills. **Participants are required to attend all three sessions; a certificate will be awarded at the end of the training.**

The \$75 fee includes the participant manual, handouts, continental breakfast and lunch on September 6 and September 13, and continental breakfast on September 20. Participants will receive a confirmation letter with directions. Please call (815-838-5334) for information or access the brochure at the Family Ministry website Events Calendar.

## **For Parents of Children with Special Needs.**

All parents of special needs children, whether the children be pre-school, school aged, or young adult, are warmly invited to attend a special day of support, enrichment, solidarity, and resource-sharing. The event will take place at the St. Charles Pastoral Center on **October 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The presenter will be Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, well-known locally and nationally for her work within the Catholic Church in helping volunteer catechists to work with special needs children. She has a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Illinois, and is the author of **The ABC's of A.D.D. for Catechists** and **The Day That Matthew Changed**.

Madonna has spoken at the conferences of the National Catholic Education Association, and the National Council of Catechetical Leadership. This past year, she was also asked to speak at the NCEA School Principal's Forum, the NCEA Special Needs Conference, and the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. The Joliet Diocesan Catholic Schools Office, the Religious Education office, and the Office of Peace and Social Justice have all sponsored her programs.

Madonna herself has children with ADHD and with Asperger's Syndrome. That, combined with her academic training and professional experience, gives her what one parent called "the perfect combination of competence and vulnerability."

Because of the nature of the day, pre-registration is required. The \$10 cost per person will help pay for lunch, refreshments and materials, but the cost will be waived for those who request it. Please call the Center for Family Ministry to pre-register or access the registration form on the Family Ministry website events calendar. Those with questions about the day are encouraged to call Dr. Jim Healy at 815-838-5334.



## *In Preparation for Advent.....*

### **Women's Morning of Reflection with Jeannie Hannemann**

Spend a morning with Jeannie preparing for the Advent season by focusing on the spiritual potential and blessings of being a woman. Spiritual growth means growing in your capacity to "incarnate love." Love shines through the heart as light, through the body as radiance, and through relationships as care. This event will engage your spirit to reflect the Blessed Mother's feminine style of love this Christmas and beyond.

Jeannie Hannemann has a passion for making connections between abstract spiritual ideas and concrete living. With a master's degree in Community Leadership: Adult Christian Community Development, she is a Family Life Minister, Early Childhood Specialist, Parent Educator and Retreat Director. She is an internationally recognized speaker, author and consultant. Her programs have won diocesan, state, and national awards within the church and secular community. Jeannie is the founder of Elizabeth Ministry and executive director of the Elizabeth Ministry International Headquarters. This morning of reflection takes place from **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on November 15** at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. The \$20 fee includes nutritional snacks.



## CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter is designed to help couples prepare for marriage. It is an intensive weekend of work during which each couple is offered the time and opportunity to question, examine, and deepen their relationship with each other and with God. Couples are challenged to explore their relationship in a much deeper, more honest way than they have been before.

Topics covered include self-awareness, human sexuality, communications, decision making, Natural Family Planning, vocation, sacrament, unity and more. Personal reflection and communication are the main focus. Engaged Encounter is approved by the Diocese of Joliet as a marriage preparation program.

**Remaining Weekend Dates for 2008:**  
Sept. 12-14, Oct. 10-12, Nov. 7-9, Dec. 5-7  
**Weekend Dates for 2009:**

Jan. 9-11, Feb. 13-15, Mar. 13-15, Apr. 17-19, Apr. 24-26, May 16-18

Interested couples should contact Engaged Encounter as soon as possible. For reservations or further information call **630-375-7072** or check the website [www.engagedencounter.org](http://www.engagedencounter.org)

## SPANISH ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

The next Spanish Engaged Encounter will be **November 15-16, 2008**, 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 4:30 p.m. All sessions are in Spanish, and the cost is \$100.00. For reservations, or for more information, call the Hispanic Ministry Office at **815-834-4037**. This weekend is co-sponsored by the Center for Family Ministry and Office of Hispanic Ministry.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

...is designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another in order to deepen and enrich their relationship. The weekend is free from the everyday routines, distractions, and tensions. An atmosphere is created where the couple can concentrate exclusively on each other in a private, confidential environment.



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will allow you the opportunity to

- Take a new look at your marriage, priorities and lifestyle
- Learn simple, effective communication techniques
- Enhance the love that you share
- Rediscover your hopes and dreams.

For more information or to register, please call **630-577-0778** or on the web at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) The remaining weekend dates for 2008 are

**September 19-21 November 14-16 December 5-7**

## 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 **October 17-18, 2008**. For more information or to register, please call Family Life Office, Diocese of Rockford, at **815-965-5011**.

## DEACON CANDIDATES STUDY FAMILY MINISTRY

The 18 members of the next diaconate class will be ordained in September, 2009. This fall they will be attending the seven evening Marriage and Family Spirituality class, taught by staff members of the Center for Family Ministry. Please keep these deacon candidates, and their wives and children, in prayer this year, as they commit to serving the People of God in this special way.

## FOCCUS TRAINING

The FOCCUS Pre-Marital Inventory is part of the marriage preparation process for all engaged couples in the Diocese of Joliet. Priests, deacons, and other parish staff members, as well as parish-approved and trained lay couples, may use FOCCUS with engaged couples.

There will be a special one-day training program for FOCCUS at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville on **Saturday, October 18, 2008**. The training, which runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will cost \$10.00 per person. In addition, those who need FOCCUS materials will be able to purchase the Facilitator Manual for \$45.00 on that day. Pre-registration is required. Please call **815-838-5334** for more information or to register.

## COMMUNICATION TRAPS IN MARRIAGE

Dr. Jim Healy will speak to married couples on **Communication Traps in Marriage: How We Get Into Them and How We Get Out of Them** at two different parishes this fall. The first will be Friday, **September 12** at Sacred Heart Parish in Lombard, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please contact Andrea Heinz at **630-889-8866** for more details. On Friday evening, **November 14**, he will speak on the same topic at St. Anthony Parish in Frankfort. This event includes a dinner. For more information, please call Beverly Murphy at St. Anthony's at **815-469-3750**.

## GREAT DATES ORIENTATION

Over seventeen parishes have employed the Great Dates program since it was introduced to the Joliet Diocese three years ago. This year long, easy to use program has proven to be an excellent way for a parish to begin offering marriage enrichment.

On Wednesday, **October 8** at 7:00 p.m. there will be an orientation to the basic Great Dates Program. Advance registration is required. Those who cannot make the meeting are encouraged to call Dr. Jim Healy at **815-838-5334** for more information and to arrange an opportunity to review the materials.

*Still Available---*

## "Everything I Have is Yours" by Bishop Sartain

Additional copies, both in English and Spanish, are available of "**Everything I Have is Yours: Understanding God's Plan for Marriage and the Gift of Life**," written by Bishop Sartain. The booklet is available for sale outside the diocese at \$1.00 a copy, but is free for use in the Joliet Diocese. It discusses the spirituality of marriage, and explains the Church's teaching on fertility, parenthood, and Natural Family Planning. Please go to [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org) or call **815-838-5334** to order.

## LIFE'S HEALING JOURNEY

This weekend program offers you a chance to heal your life through the compassionate love of God. During this weekend, you will learn how to get past denial, to let go of anger and experience the incredible strength that comes from forgiveness. Most of all, you'll discover a deeper connection with your loving God. The Rockford weekends include separate talks and group time to respond to the specific needs of the divorced and separated. This weekend is also offered in Spanish. Upcoming weekend in Rockford: **Nov 21-23, 2008** at the Bishop Lane Retreat Center. To register, go to [lhj@misacor-usa.org](mailto:lhj@misacor-usa.org) or call **630-892-2371**.

## RAINBOWS® TRAINING

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. It enables them to share their feelings in an accepting, supportive, confidential small group environment facilitated 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.

### NEW COORDINATOR TRAINING:

**Saturday, September 27, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon**

### NEW FACILITATOR TRAINING:

**Saturday, October 4, 2008 - 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®! **For parishes within the Diocese of Joliet, RAINBOWS® is available at cost and scholarships are available.** Call Desirée Marciani (**815-838-5334**) for site start-up information.

*Please note the January 09 training dates: New Coordinator Training - Saturday, January 17, 2009, New Facilitator Training - Saturday, January 24, 2009.*

## PEER SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

Developing good facilitating skills is a process that takes time and practice. On **August 23**, The Center for Family Ministry is sponsoring a facilitator training for church-sponsored divorce, bereavement, and other hurting/healing support groups. Desirée Marciani, associate director of The Center for Family Ministry who works with the hurting/healing ministries, and her husband, Deacon Tom Marciani, who has 13 years of divorce ministry and bereavement experience, will lead this training at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville.

The training is for those who are new facilitators of self-help small group sharing sessions as well as those who wish to brush up on their facilitating skills. Agenda items include the role of the facilitator, communication, listening skills, support group ground rules, dealing with challenging situations and role playing. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Training starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. The \$20 fee covers continental breakfast, lunch, and a student manual. To register or for more information, please call **815-838-5334**.

**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. **The next weekend at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville will be on November 15-16.** The \$75.00 cost includes all meals and materials. Overnight accommodations are available for an additional fee of \$30. To register, or for other dates and locations, please contact Charlotte Hrubas at **708-354-7211** or check the web at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

The **Joliet Diocesan Natural Family Planning Program** teaches the **Billings Ovulation Method (BOMA) of NFP.** These classes are offered in the following locations for a fee of \$35 per couple.

1. At **St. Charles Pastoral Center** new classes are held on the **first Tuesday of each month**, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The **follow-up class takes place the third Tuesday of each month.** Parishes may also arrange for classes on site. Contact **Karen Buchert, Diocesan Coordinator of Natural Family Planning**, at [kasbuchert@comcast.net](mailto:kasbuchert@comcast.net) or by phone **630-551-1712** to register, for more information about this class, or about natural family planning in the diocese.
2. At **Provena St. Mary Hospital in Kankakee** classes are held on the **fourth Thursday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Classes are also offered in Spanish by appointment. Contact diocesan instructor, **Lupita Sorich** to register or for more information at **815-932-9275**.

Independent NFP providers also offering instruction within the Joliet Diocese:

CREIGHTON FERTILITYCARE  
[www.fertilitycare.org](http://www.fertilitycare.org)

Couple to Couple League (CCL)  
<http://ccli.org>

NFPLI, Inc  
888-485-6635

## RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Without attention and care, marriages wither. Couples slowly drift apart or are torn apart by terrible words and actions. **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. 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

The next weekend in the Diocese of Joliet is scheduled for **October 17-19, 2008** at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Other upcoming weekend dates are: **December 12-14, 2008** in Chicago; and **May 1-3, 2009** and **October 23-25, 2009** in Romeoville. For more information, or to register, please call **708-802-1830**.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

This retreat is for reconciliation and healing for post-abortive men and women, sponsored by the Joliet Diocesan Life Office. Upcoming weekends dates are **September 5-7, 2008** and **March 20-22, 2009** at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Confidentiality and privacy will be strictly observed. To learn more about a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat or to register, contact Kay Corcoran **1-866-99-4-GIVE**. For more information and a list of retreats in other locations, see: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call the toll free national hotline 1-877-HOPE-4ME.

## TREE OF LIGHT INFANT MEMORIAL MASS

All families and individuals are welcome to attend this Mass in remembrance of babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, other pregnancy losses or early childhood death. A special outdoor tree-lighting ceremony for family members will take place to commemorate these babies. The Mass will begin at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 9, 2008** at St. Charles Pastoral Center. Family members may wish to arrive at 2:30 to sign in and to gather in the chapel. Friends and all family members are invited. A reception with light refreshments will be served immediately following. Please call **815-838-5334** to indicate the number of those planning to attend. If you are not able to attend and would like your baby remembered, please call us.

## CLUSTER 2 MARRIAGE PREP COORDINATORS MEETING

On Wednesday, **October 1**, there will be a meeting of the coordinators of marriage preparation of Cluster 2, which includes the 15 parishes of Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Roselle, Warrenville, Wayne, West Chicago, Wheaton, and Winfield. This will be an opportunity for those gathering to share their concerns, discuss changes reflecting FOCCUS, and be exposed to new resources and ideas. It is anticipated that future meetings will be scheduled for the other clusters in the diocese. Priests, deacons, and designated lay leaders are all encouraged to attend.

The meeting will take place at St. Matthew Parish in Glendale Heights, at 7:00 p.m. To register for the evening or to inquire further, please call Dr. Jim Healy.

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## MARRIAGE COUNSELORS MEETING

All marriage counselors who work within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Joliet are invited to a complimentary luncheon on Friday, **September 26** in gratitude for their service to couples in the Diocese of Joliet. The gathering will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a short discussion of a draft of **The Church and Marriage Counseling**, a text being prepared by a subcommittee of the Catholic Bishops Pastoral Initiative on Marriage. Lunch will be served at noon, and the event will conclude by 1:00 p.m. Counselors should reserve their space by calling **815-838-5334**, or by using the enclosed form.

## CHECK OUT [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

As part of their pastoral initiative on marriage, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops has created [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) a website which is rich with resources for Catholic marriage. The newest addition to the website, "Marriage Rx," looks at common challenges which couples face. Dr. Jim Healy was asked to create the inaugural column for this series.

The bishops' Committee on Marriage and the Family continues to work on a pastoral letter regarding marriage. The entire body of United States bishops is expected to review the letter next June at their semi-annual meeting.

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## ANNULMENT PROCESS DAY

Father Joseph Tapella, the Judicial Vicar of the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal and Desirée Marciani, the associate director of The Center for Family Ministry, will conduct an annulment information seminar, on **Saturday, October 18, 2008**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. People interested in petitioning for annulment, those already in the process, and those who are just curious about the process are welcome to attend. The meaning of the word "annulment," church status, myths, misunderstandings, Joliet Diocesan annulment paperwork, and other concerns or questions will be addressed. **Kindly pre-register by October 10.** A \$25 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and handouts. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. For information and to register, please call The Center for Family Ministry at **815-838-5334**.

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# Upcoming Events - Register Below

## AUGUST

- 10 Wedding Anniversary Mass
- 23 Peer Support Group Facilitator Training

## SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 Rachel's Vineyard
- 6 Ministry of Consolation—Session 1
- 12 Communication Traps, Lombard
- 12-14 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 13 Ministry of Consolation—Session 2
- 19-21 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
- 20 Ministry of Consolation—Session 3
- 26 Marriage Counselor Meeting
- 27 Rainbows® Coordinator Training

## OCTOBER

- 1 Cluster 2 Marriage Prep Coord Mtg
- 4 Rainbows® Facilitator Training
- 8 Great Dates Orientation
- 10-12 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 17-18 Remarriage Seminar, Rockford
- 17-19 Retrouvaille, Romeoville
- 18 Annulment Process Day
- 18 FOCCUS Training
- 25 For Parents of Children with Special Needs

## NOVEMBER

- 7-9 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 9 Tree of Light Infant Memorial Mass
- 14 Communication Traps, Frankfort
- 14-16 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
- 15 Women's Morning of Reflection
- 15-16 Joyful Again!
- 15-16 Spanish Engaged Encounter
- 21-23 Life's Healing Journey, Rockford

## DECEMBER

- 5-7 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 5-7 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
- 12-14 Retrouvaille, Chicago

## JANUARY, 2009

- 9-11 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 17 Rainbows® Coordinator Training
- 24 Rainbows® Facilitator Training

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PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE OF WORKSHOP \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF WORKSHOP \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_  
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