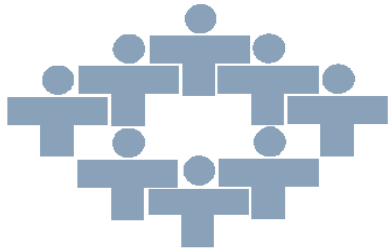


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## Family Focus at Eucharistic Congress June 26, 2011

Please mark your calendars for the culminating event of the Year of the Eucharist – a diocesan wide Eucharistic Congress which will take place next summer on June 26, the feast of Corpus Christi. There will be a special track for families who are participating. The event will be held at Lewis University and the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville.



## Engaged Couples who are “Living Together” and/or “Spiritual but not Religious”

Two issues that come up frequently in marriage preparation are the topics of couples living together before marriage, and couples who are “spiritual but not religious.” We will take a look at both of these issues on Saturday morning, **September 25**. This event, presented by Dr. Jim Healy, is primarily for those who are involved in any way in marriage preparation ministry. The event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the \$10.00 per person fee covers materials and refreshments. Please register by calling the Center at 815-838-5334.

## Marriage and the Eucharist October 30

For Catholics, there is an inseparable and vital connection between the sacrament of marriage and the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. During this diocesan year of the Eucharist, we will explore and celebrate that vital connection. A deeper connection to the Eucharist should result in a deeper connection with our spouse, and the deeper we commit to our spouse, the more obvious is our need for the Eucharist.

All married couples are invited to a special morning on **Saturday, October 30**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Come celebrate these tremendous gifts in our lives, and see how they mutually reinforce each other. The event will culminate with a celebration of the Eucharist for married couples. There is no charge, but couples should come prepared to make a small donation to the diocesan mission program.

Please pre-register for this event by calling us at the Center at 815-838-5334. Parishes or individual couples with questions about the event should call Dr. Jim Healy at the same number.

## Single Through Loss Gathering

The **Single through Loss (STL)** Committee will hold its second winter gathering event this **December 4th**. The featured speaker will be Ted Welsch, Psy.D. A licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Welsch provides therapy for adults, adolescents, couples and families. He believes that each person has vast resources for growth and development, along with remarkable resiliency. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. with the celebration of Holy Mass. Please go to [www.singlethroughloss.org](http://www.singlethroughloss.org) for more details and to register.

An inter-parish committee of the Diocese of Joliet, STL members include support group leaders of “Divorce and Beyond,” the “Joyful Again” widowed ministry, and other peer support groups in the diocese. STL was initiated and is endorsed by the Center for Family Ministry of the Diocese of Joliet. Plans are to rotate meeting locations throughout the diocese.

STL’s mission is to provide spiritual enrichment and networking opportunities for widowed or divorced Catholics who have passed through the initial stages of grief with the help of a support group and are ready to begin a new chapter in their lives. STL meetings are open to individuals of all denominations who are respectful of faith-based values.

The first event, “Holiday for Soles,” brought together more than 40 singles to share the celebration of Mass, to hear an interactive presentation on holiday stress, and to enjoy food and fellowship.

## Active Parenting for Stepfamilies

Stepparents have the same tough challenges that face any parent in today’s world. They also have to contend with a host of additional challenges associated with healing from loss, unrealistic expectations and adapting to change. How can our parishes reach out to and help the stepparents in their parish community?

Active Parenting for Stepfamilies, published in 2007 by Active Parenting Publishers, is a six-session user-friendly program to help stepparents with the unique task of parenting in a stepfamily. The Center for Family Ministry is looking for stepparent couples interested in leading this Active Parenting for Stepfamilies program at their own parish. The leaders of the program do not have to be experts. The program presents information for each topic or skill to the participants in multiple ways (DVD, power point, brief discussions, etc.) to address different learning styles. Couples interested in the program should contact Desirée Marciani, the associate director of The Center for Family Ministry, at 815-838-5334.

## JOYFUL AGAIN! A Widowed Ministry

**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 November 13 & 14.** For more information, to register, or for other dates and locations, please contact Charlotte Hrubec at **708-354-7211** or check the web at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

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## 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 information or reservations, call 708-802-1830 or go to [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

Upcoming dates for 2010:

Oct 1-3 in Romeoville & Dec 3-5 in Chicago

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## TREE OF LIGHT INFANT MEMORIAL MASS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 7, 2010

All families and individuals are welcome to attend this Mass, celebrated by Bishop Imesch, at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville in remembrance of babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, other pregnancy losses or early childhood death. At **3:00 p.m.**, a special outdoor tree-lighting ceremony for family members to commemorate these babies will precede the mass. 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.

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## ANNULMENT PROCESS DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010

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, November 13, 2010**, 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 annulment process will be explained and all questions will be welcomed. This day does not start the process but offers a friendly atmosphere to learn what annulment means and what is entailed in the process. During the day those in attendance will have a "hands-on" review of the Joliet diocesan annulment paperwork. **Kindly pre-register by November 8.** A \$25 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and a binder with 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**.

## 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. RAINBOWS® enables those grieving 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, for new site start-up, or for training information.

### NEW COORDINATOR TRAINING:

**Saturday, September 11, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon**

### NEW FACILITATOR TRAINING:

**Saturday, September 18, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

*Please note the January, 2011 training dates:*

*New Coordinator Training - Saturday, January 15, 2011*

*Peer Support Training - Saturday, January 22, 2011*

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## PEER SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

Successful peer support groups have skillful facilitators. Becoming a skillful facilitator is a process that takes time and practice. On **October 16**, 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 is a hospice chaplain, will lead this training at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Both Desirée and Tom have 15 years of divorce and bereavement ministry experience.

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 practice. 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. Registrations are requested by October 11. For more information, please call **815-838-5334**.

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## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

This retreat is for reconciliation and healing for post-abortive men and women, sponsored by the Joliet Diocesan Life Office. The weekend dates for 2011 are **February 2-4** and **September 9-11** at the 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, go to [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call the toll free national hotline 1-877-HOPE-4ME.



## FOCCUS ADMINISTRATION MEETING

FOCCUS has created a new website which results in a significantly improved print out of the FOCCUS results. FOCCUS, Inc. is asking that all FOCCUS users move in the direction of online administration and scoring. A number of parishes have already made the transition, and those trained as FOCCUS facilitators in the future will be trained in this method. The Center for Family Ministry has materials that can be sent to any parish to help them with this transition, and is also happy to answer any questions.

On **Tuesday, October 12**, a special meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville for all marriage prep coordinators or parish representatives who would like to review online administration and scoring and related changes. This is **not** FOCCUS Training for facilitators. Please call the Center for Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 to pre-register by October 8.

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## 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 2, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Certain changes have been made in the way FOCCUS is to be scored and administered, and participants will have the opportunity to become familiar with these changes.

Unless they already possess one, individuals or couples will need to purchase the FOCCUS Facilitator Manual for \$45.00. There will also be a \$10.00 fee for the day, which includes lunch. Pre-registration is required. Please call **815-838-5334** for more information or to register.

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## 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.

English Dates for 2010:  
Sept 17-19, Oct 15-17, Nov 19-21, Dec 17-19

English Dates for 2011:  
Feb 11-13, Mar 11-13, Apr 8-10, May 13-15  
For reservations, call 630-375-7072 or go to  
[www.engagedencounter.org](http://www.engagedencounter.org)

Spanish Date for 2010: Nov 13 & 14  
For reservations, call 815-834-4037

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## 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, and invites you to take a new look at your marriage, priorities and lifestyle; learn simple, effective communication techniques; enhance the love that you share; and rediscover your hopes and dreams.

For reservations, call 630-577-0778 or go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)  
Upcoming dates for 2010: Sept 10-12, Oct 22-24, Nov 5-7,  
Dec 3-5 in Burr Ridge; Also, Sept 17-19 in Wood Dale

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Thirty-second Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 29, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are invited to attend the event. Couples will receive certificates and will be led through a blessing ceremony by Bishop Sartain during the Mass. Because of space limitations, there is not room for additional guests. However, if necessary, a caregiver/helper is very welcome to attend with the couple. Pre-registration is required by **August 16, 2010**. For more information, please call 815-838-5334.

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## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

The **Joliet Diocesan Natural Family Planning Program** teaches the **Billings Ovulation Method (BOMA) of NFP**. These two-session classes in English and Spanish are offered in the following locations for a fee of \$50 per couple. Parishes may also arrange on-site classes.

### St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville

Two-session classes in **English** are held the **first and third Tuesday of each month** from 7 to 9 p.m. Contact **Karen Buchert, Diocesan Coordinator of Natural Family Planning**, at **630-551-1712** or [kasbuchert@comcast.net](mailto:kasbuchert@comcast.net).

Two-session classes in **Spanish** are held the **second and fourth Sunday of each month**, from 3 to 5 p.m. Contact instructor, **Lupita Sorich at 815-932-9275 or 815-735-8439(cell)**.

### St John the Baptist in Winfield

Two-session classes in **English** are held September through May on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Contact **Karen Buchert at 630-551-1712** or [kasbuchert@comcast.net](mailto:kasbuchert@comcast.net)

### Provena St. Mary Hospital in Kankakee

Classes in **English** are held on the **fourth Wednesday of each month** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The second session is arranged individually. In the Kankakee area, classes are also offered in **Spanish** by appointment. Contact diocesan instructor **Lupita Sorich, 815-932-9275 or 815-735-8439 (cell)**.

Independent NFP providers also offering instruction within the Joliet Diocese: Creighton FertilityCare at [www.fertilitycare.org](http://www.fertilitycare.org); Couple to Couple League (CCL) at <http://ccli.org>; Natural Family Planning Life Institute, Inc. at 815-722-1660.

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## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT AT ST. ISAAC JOGUES OCTOBER 19

Happiness in marriage comes, not so much from the "once in a lifetime" events, wonderful as they are, but by the things we do over and over again. What are these "habits of the heart" that lead to joy and fulfillment? They are firmly grounded in our Catholic faith, but social science research has also suggested their importance for human happiness.

On Tuesday, October 19 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale, Dr. Jim Healy will present **Making Happiness a Habit**, a follow up to last year's "How to Be Married and Stay Engaged" presentation. The event will run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All married or engaged couples are invited, as well as anybody with an interest in learning more about marriage. If you are not a member of the parish, please call Barbara Bekker at 630-655-6668 to register.

## Deacon Candidates Encounter Family Ministry

The deacon candidates who will be ordained in August of 2011 have just completed their internships. Darryl Kelsey from St. Patrick Parish in Joliet has completed a project in bereavement ministry and Mike Crowell from St. Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville, created a support group for parents whose children have become involved in drugs. The entire class will be spending 7 evenings in November and December with Dr. Jim Healy and staff, learning more about marriage and baptism preparation, marriage enrichment, divorce and bereavement ministry, and other aspects of family ministry. Please keep these men and their families in your prayers as they near ordination.

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### “Marriage and the Eucharist” Special Presentation for Moms

On **September 30** at St. Raphael's Parish, there will be a special morning presentation on Marriage and the Eucharist for the MGM (Mother, God, and Me) Mom's group. The group meets from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and all mothers are welcome. If you not a member of St. Raphael's, please call Becky Williamson at 630-983-9363 to let her know you are attending. Child care is available. This would be an excellent opportunity to see a Mom's group in action.

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### Divorced and Widowed Conference

**SAVE THE DATE!** On **April 9, 2011** Loughlan Sofield will be the guest speaker at the divorced and widowed conference. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes with a 4 p.m. vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Sartain. More information concerning this day for the divorced and widowed will be in The Center for Family Ministry winter/spring newsletter.

## New Resource for Marriage Preparation

Many engaged couples today, as well as many other young adults, consider themselves to be “spiritual but not religious.” Generally, that means that they have a sense of God, and of spiritual reality, but are not very interested in being involved in institutional religion of any kind. Many of these couples feel connected enough to wish to be married in the Catholic Church, but are not connected enough to stay involved.

**Spirituality and Religion in Your Marriage: A Reflective Process for Engaged Couples** is a short booklet written by Dr. Jim Healy that can be given to engaged couples. A 20-item questionnaire within the booklet helps the couple to assess where they are both in personal spirituality and in commitment to religious practice. It then affirms the couple for their strengths but encourages them to take another look at what they may be missing.

If purchased through the Center for Family Ministry and used within the Diocese of Joliet, the booklets can be purchased for \$1.50 each. Please call 815-838-5334 for this and for other family ministry materials available through The Center for Family Ministry.

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### Website Information

Check out our website ([www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry)) for information and fliers for the programs listed in our newsletter plus additional helpful information. We have archived newsletters, support group brochures, links to various organizations that sponsor programs in our diocese, and much more. You will always find current, useful information for our Hurting/Healing ministries, Marriage Preparation and Marriage Enrichment, so check back often!

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# Upcoming Events – Register Below

## SEPTEMBER

- 7 Natural Family Planning, English #1, Romeoville
- 10-12 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Burr Ridge
- 11 Rainbows Coordinator Training
- 12 Natural Family Planning, Spanish #1, Romeoville
- 17-19 Catholic Engaged Encounter, English
- 17-19 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Wood Dale
- 18 Rainbows Facilitator Training
- 21 Natural Family Planning, English #2, Romeoville
- 25 Marriage Preparation Ministers Program
- 26 Natural Family Planning, Spanish #2, Romeoville
- 30 MGM (Mom's Group) Program, Naperville

## OCTOBER

- 1-3 Retrouvaille, Romeoville
- 2 FOCCUS Training
- 5 Natural Family Planning, English #1, Romeoville
- 10 Natural Family Planning, Spanish #1, Romeoville
- 12 FOCCUS Administration Meeting, Romeoville
- 15-17 Catholic Engaged Encounter, English
- 16 Peer Support Group Facilitator Training
- 19 Marriage Enrichment, Hinsdale
- 19 Natural Family Planning, English #2, Romeoville
- 22-24 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Burr Ridge
- 24 Natural Family Planning, Spanish #2, Romeoville
- 30 Marriage and the Eucharist

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Natural Family Planning, English #1, Romeoville
- 5-7 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Burr Ridge
- 7 Tree of Light Infant Memorial Mass
- 7 Natural Family Planning, Spanish #1, Romeoville
- 13 Annulment Process Day
- 13-14 Catholic Engaged Encounter, Spanish
- 13-14 Joyful Again!, Romeoville
- 16 Natural Family Planning, English #2, Romeoville
- 19-21 Catholic Engaged Encounter, English
- 21 Natural Family Planning, Spanish #2, Romeoville

## DECEMBER

- 3-5 Retrouvaille, Chicago
- 3-5 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Burr Ridge
- 4 "Single Through Loss" Gathering
- 7 Natural Family Planning, English #1, Romeoville
- 17-19 Catholic Engaged Encounter, English
- 21 Natural Family Planning, English #2, Romeoville

## JANUARY

- 4 Natural Family Planning, English #1, Romeoville
- 15 Rainbows Coordinator Training
- 18 Natural Family Planning, English #2, Romeoville
- 22 Rainbows Facilitator Training

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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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