

MARRIAGE EVENT

for

PARENTS OF

SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS



Parenting any child can constitute a challenge for a married couple. Add to that the issues related to raising a child with special needs, and you end up with an amplified type of situation, where both the joys and the challenges can get bigger.

Please come join with other couples who are raising special needs children for some time away, to hear some new ideas, to share experiences, maybe even laugh a bit, and to lay it all before God.

We will meet from **10:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 29**. Couples with caretaking needs that might make it difficult to attend are encouraged to call the office to brainstorm possible strategies. Even though the event is focused on marriage and couples are urged to come as a couple, married individuals are encouraged to attend if both people can't come, or can't stay for the entire time.

The facilitators will be Dr. Jim Healy and Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, who have four children, two of whom have Aspergers Syndrome. Jim, a counseling psychologist, has been the director of the Center for Family Ministry since 1989. Madonna is an educator with a Ph.D. in Human Development. More importantly, they are imperfect but committed parents of special needs children.

This event is a follow-up to a previous retreat for all parents of special needs children, where the need for an event focused on marriage was expressed.

The \$10 per person attendance fee covers refreshments, lunch, and all materials. Please **pre-register by Monday, October 24**, and let us know if you need to have the fee waived.

Come be affirmed, included and appreciated!



Marriage Event for Parents of Special Needs Kids – October 29, 2011

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Fee Enclosed _____ Pay at Door _____ Please call me about waiving the fee _____

To register, please call **815-838-5334**, fax the form to 815-834-4045, email your information to familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or mail the form to: The Center for Family Ministry
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