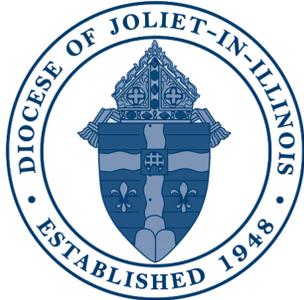


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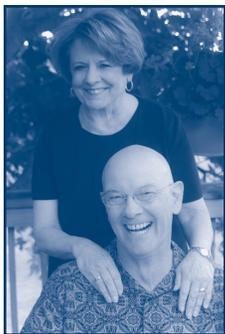
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On March 10

MINDFULNESS IN MARRIAGE: LIVING AND LOVING IN THE MOMENT



Butch and Linda Moses from Texas will be presenting a marriage enrichment conference on Saturday, March 10, from 9:15 am to 1:15 pm. The event will be held at St. Joan of Arc in Lisle, the same location where IMET hosted Gary Chapman five years ago. All are invited.

Butch and Linda have been leaders in marriage and family ministry for many years. They have spoken across the country, not just on marriage, but also on parenting and on the sacramental life. They are the only couple to have ever been elected co-presidents of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers. They are

proud parents of three adult children, with associated in-laws and 7 grandchildren.

Butch and Linda have a passion for Church and for family, and couples across the country have responded to their down-home, "in your kitchen" style of sharing and presenting. Their presentations will help bring couples to a greater appreciation of the "present moment" in their marriages.

Tickets are \$35 a couple, but those who are early registrants will receive a \$5 discount. Please go to www.IMEEvents.org for more information or to register.

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the Inter-Parish Marriage Enrichment Team (IMET) Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, bishop of Joliet, will lead the opening prayer and welcome the attendees.

IMET is a band of 8 parishes in DuPage County who have worked together to offer high quality marriage enrichment experiences. Other parishes who would like to form similar associations (another example is Eastern Dupage Marriage Enrichment Ministry) are urged to contact Dr. Jim Healy at the Office of Family Ministry.

FAMILY MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT RETIRES AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Pat Spain, who has been the Office of Family Ministry Administrative Assistant since 1998, will retire at the end of 2017. Pat has been instrumental in carrying out the ministries of our office. From the diocesan Anniversary Mass to the Tree of Light event, from ministry to families in the most joyous situations to ministry to those in the most tragic, Pat has capably developed the brochures, prepared the materials, and greeted attendees and participants kindly and compassionately.

"I've come to depend on Pat, and on December 31 when she retires, "I'm going to lose half my brain," said Dr. Jim Healy, director. "Probably the better half." Val Maty, associate director, says, "Pat has been a joy to work with. Her talents, skills, and calm demeanor supported all those she came in contact with. She will be greatly missed!" Former associate director, Barbara Jarvis-Pauls, said of Pat, "She is a profound example of living our Catholic Christian mission. It has been my honor to know her." Desirée Marciani, who retired from the associate director position after 15 years with Pat, spoke of her "remarkable qualities of patience and efficiency, all sprinkled with humor."

Pat leaves to spend more time with her mother, siblings, husband, children, and grandchildren, but those who know her know she will extend her warmth and love much further.

CONFERENCE FOR THE DIVORCED AND WIDOWED SET FOR APRIL 21, 2018



Whether the loss of a spouse is through death or divorce, it is a painful process and a difficult life transition. The Office of Family Ministry is pleased to offer a day of encouragement and support for those who are divorced or widowed. The goal of this day is to help you learn ways to **Rebuild** and begin to move forward in your life. During the day there will be opportunities to give and receive support from others in transition.

Joining our morning speakers, our afternoon keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Amore. Dr. Amore is the Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries. She holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Liturgy and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union. Mary is the creator of the DVD Series **Eucharist: Pathway of Transformation, Healing and Discipleship**. She has been a presenter at the RE Congress, University of Dallas Ministry Conference, and has conducted parish missions, retreats, and adult faith formation programs.

The conference day begins with a 9:00 a.m. check-in at the Joliet Diocesan Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4:00PM. The suggested \$35 donation includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch, and materials. Please register by April 11 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334, by using the enclosed registration form, or online at <http://conta.cc/2Aiybgf>.

UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO PORNOGRAPHY AND SEXUAL ADDICTION

February 22 St. Michael's Parish, Wheaton, IL 9 am to noon



In 2015, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops released **Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography**. To help parish leaders unpack and respond to this document, the Office of Family Ministry and St. Michael's Parish in Wheaton are co-sponsoring a morning of awareness of and pastoral response to this issue. Online pornography has had a disastrous effect on youth and on adults, both inside and outside of marriage.

The featured presenter will be David Rennard, an expert in the area of sexual addictions and online pornography. A therapist and speaker who has assisted our diocese in the past, he is also an

ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

The event will run from 9 am to noon. Those who wish to participate must pre-register by Monday, February 19 by either registering online at <http://conta.cc/2Amzh8u> or by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334. The \$15 fee will cover all materials and refreshments.

Intended participants are priests, deacons, parish and school staff and others who have been empowered by their parish to be involved in this ministry. Those with questions are asked to call Deacon Ken Kubica at St. Michael's Parish (630-462-5000) or Dr. Jim Healy at the Office of Family Ministry (815-838-5334).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME) CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN JOLIET DIOCESE

WWME's 50th anniversary North American convention will be held at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, Illinois. All couples and priests who have attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend are warmly invited to attend. The convention will run from June 22-24, 2018. Information about the convention can be found at www.wwme-2018-convention.myshopify.com.

CELEBRATORY EVENTS FOR COUPLES IN FEBRUARY

Each year, World Marriage Day, held on the second Sunday of February, honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. For ideas on celebrating World Marriage Day in your parish, please go to <http://wmd.wwme.org/>. Two different dinner dances are being held this February for couples.

Eastern DuPage Marriage Enrichment Ministry is inviting all engaged and married couples in the Joliet Diocese to come celebrate Valentine's Day with your best friend by attending 5 o'clock Mass with a blessing for all couples, followed by a fun evening of dinner and dancing in the parish hall. The "Sweetheart Dinner Dance" will be held on Saturday, February 10 at Christ the King Parish at 1501 South Main Street in Lombard, IL. Watch your bulletins for more details. Pre-registration is required. Questions? Email: www.easterndupagemem@gmail.com.

This year's World Marriage Day Dinner Dance, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will be held at the Prairie Bluff Golf Club in Crest Hill, IL on Saturday, February 17, from 6 pm to 10 pm. All are invited. The cost of the event is \$75 per couple or \$40 per person. For more information or to register, please go to www.wwme-chicagoland.org/communitynews.php.

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 for a fee of \$50 per couple. Parishes may also arrange on-site classes. For general information, call the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or contact us at familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org. For specific classes, please see locations below.

- Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill: Two-session classes in **English** are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. To register or for information, contact instructor Lupita Sorich at LupitaSorich@gmail.com or 815-735-8439.

- Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill: Two-session classes in **Spanish** are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. To register or for information, contact instructor Lupita Sorich at LupitaSorich@gmail.com or 815-735-8439.

- Presence St. Mary Hospital, Kankakee: Classes in **English** are held on the second Friday of each month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The second session is arranged individually. In the Kankakee area, classes are also offered in **Spanish** by appointment. To register or for information, contact instructor Lupita Sorich at LupitaSorich@gmail.com or 815-735-8439.

- St Matthew Parish, Glendale Heights: Two-session classes in **English** are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. For class times, to register or for information, contact instructor Edna Pasillas at rpasillas5@gmail.com or 630-441-7717. Two-session classes in Spanish are offered by appointment.

Independent NFP providers also offering instruction: Creighton FertilityCare www.fertilitycare.org; Couple to Couple League (CCL) <http://ccli.org>; Harrisburg Sympto-Thermal Method NFPwithCandM@gmail.com or (847-922-5124).

RETRouvaille IN SPANISH

The first *Retrouvaille Weekend for Troubled Marriages* in Spanish was successfully held on August 22-24 last year at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien. A follow-up Core Group that meets monthly in Spanish has been established at St. Isidore Parish in Bloomingdale. Plans are afoot for the next Spanish *Retrouvaille*, to be held in late winter. For more information about *Retrouvaille* in Spanish, please contact Frank and Veronica Moreno at 630-534-0662 or email: RetrouvailleIllinois@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT EVENING ON JANUARY 19 IN YORKVILLE

Dr. Jim Healy, a well-known speaker and writer on marriage and the director of the Office of Family Ministry, will present "How to Be Married and Stay Engaged" at St. Patrick Parish in Yorkville on Friday evening, January 19. The evening begins with pizza at 6:30. Dr. Healy's presentation will run from 7 pm to 9:30 pm, with a dessert break in the middle. The \$20 cost per couple includes food, drinks, presentation, and a copy of Dr. Healy's CD. Space is limited. To register or for more information, please contact Mary Beth at 630-636-0209 or mbjakstys@gmail.com by Tuesday, January 16.

Couples who can't make the January 19 event are invited to a similar presentation by Dr. Healy outside the diocese at St. Mary's Parish in Pontiac, Illinois on Sunday afternoon, January 28 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Those interested in attending this presentation should contact Patti Zehr at 815-844-7683 by Wednesday, January 24.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help couples with serious issues who may even be contemplating divorce. This weekend program helps couples to put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. Husbands and wives re-establish communication and gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.



2018 Weekends

Joliet Diocese: April 20-22 and October 12-14

Chicago Archdiocese: June 15-17

NW Indiana: February 16-18

For information, reservations or other dates and locations, call 708-802-1830 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Marriage Encounter is for any married couple who desires a fuller, richer life together. Using a unique approach that was developed to revitalize marriage, couples are given the opportunity to examine their lives together and to strengthen their communication.



ENGLISH DATES IN 2018:

Elk Grove Village, IL: Feb 2-4; Apr 6-8; Aug 10-12; Oct 12-14

Geneva, IL: Feb 16-18; Sep 7-9

Rockford, IL: Nov 9-11

For reservations, email applications-joliet@alifetimeoflove.org or for more information, call 630-577-0778 or go to www.wwme-chicagoland.org.

NEW BEGINNINGS

After a divorce or the death of a spouse, what used to be "US" is no longer. It is a life transition that is neither welcome nor easy. However, eventually it is necessary to transition to "ME".

New Beginnings is a weekly self-help support group for the widowed and the divorced or those going through a divorce as we adjust to our new roles as singles again. We are a non-profit ministry of St. Raphael Catholic Church, 1215 Modaff Rd in Naperville. Our focus is on the spiritual, intellectual and emotional growth of our members.

Our group is unique in that we meet every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. (arrive at 7:15 p.m.) on a drop-in basis (no signup required) to address the stages of loss after initial grief.

Besides having speakers, we have a rotating schedule of discussions revolving around topics surrounding the needs of the newly single. For more details and any schedule changes, please go to <http://www.newbeginnings-naperville.com>, where you can also view videos regarding the divorced and widowed experiences.

Feel free to contact our Chairperson Cindy Sviak at 815-254-2383 or info@newbeginnings-naperville.com. Come see if we can be a part of your future.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IN SPANISH

ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL MUNDIAL REGION XVIII – USA SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS “ENCUENTRO JOLIET”

Que Es El Encuentro Matrimonial?

Es una experiencia de Fin de Semana (FDS) que dura 44 horas, comenzando el Viernes por la noche hasta el Domingo por la tarde. Esta experiencia brinda a las parejas la oportunidad de celebrar su vida conyugal, dándoles tiempo para compartir sus sentimientos en una atmósfera completamente privada.

Proximo Fin De Semana
Febrero 2,3 y 4 del 2018
Lugar:
Marian Fathers
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Para Mas Informacion Comunicarse con:
David y Teresa Garcia 630-841-4099
Andres y Maria Mascote 815-641-1814

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.



2018 Winter/Spring Weekends in English
at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort:
February 17-18 March 17-18
April 21-22 May 19-20

Couples who book ahead should have no problems with registration. However, since the weekends do fill up, interested couples should register as soon as possible. For reservations, go to www.jolietee.org, or for questions, call 815-277-1112 or send an email to: ceejoliet@gmail.com.

For information on **Spanish Engaged Encounter** weekends, please call 815-221-6246.

TWO EVENTS ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMANAE VITAE

Humanae Vitae (On Human Life), the encyclical by Pope Paul VI, was promulgated in the summer of 1968. This encyclical was a formative document on sexuality and marriage in the Catholic Church, and restated the Church's teaching against contraception.

Two events in celebration of **Humanae Vitae** will take place in the spring of 2018. The Catholic University of America School of Theology and Religious Studies, in association with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and a number of other organizations, is offering **Humanae Vitae: A Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium** on April 4-6, 2018, in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register, please go to www.engage.catholic.edu and click on "Upcoming Events."

The *Couple to Couple League*, in association with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is hosting **Families, Become What you Are!: Celebrating Humanae Vitae as the bedrock of Family Life**. It will be held on July 6-7 at the Sharonville Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. This is a family-focused event which will include talks and workshops for adults, programming for youth ages 3-17, adoration, rosary and the sacraments, and family fun activities and concerts. For more information about this event, please go to <http://bit.ly/2j2Hg6K>.

ANNULMENT FIELD ADVOCATE TRAINING

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Quite often, a person investigating the possibility of an annulment has a difficult time beginning the process. Those who help the person at a parish normally become the field advocate for that person's annulment investigation. This training, co-sponsored by the Center for Family Ministry and the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal, will provide potential "field advocates" and existing field advocates with pertinent information about the annulment process. It will also offer practical ways for the field advocate to assist, coach, and be spiritually supportive with the annulment petitioners.

Those who come to this training are selected and sent by their parish staff and, in turn, will serve their own parish in this ministry. The training takes place at the **Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, from 8:30 am (check-in begins at 8:00 am) to 3:00 pm** and will be conducted by Father Joseph Tapella, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Joliet, and Dr. Valerie Maty, Associate Director of the Office of Family Ministry. The \$15 fee covers coffee, lunch and materials.

Although the training is not mandatory, it will be very helpful, both for existing field advocates, and those who want to be available to help and reach out to annulment petitioners. For registration information, concerns, or questions, call the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334. **Registration is required by April 20.**

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.

Retreat weekends in Winter/Spring 2018 will be **March 3 & 4** at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont at the Mt. Assisi Center Bldg.) and **April 21 & 22** at Rainbow Hospice in Des Plaines. Summer weekends will be on **June 23 & 24** at St Julie's Parish in Tinley Park; **July 21 & 22** at Holy Family Parish in Inverness; and **August 11 & 12** at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst.

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.

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 one-day training program for FOCCUS at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill on **Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**.

Individuals or couples will need to purchase the Fourth Edition FOCCUS Facilitator Manual for \$50.00. There will also be a \$10.00 fee for the day, which includes lunch. **Pre-registration is required** by February 23. Please call 815-838-5334 for more information or to register.

FIRST EVER FAMILY MINISTRY WEBINAR TO BE OFFERED

The Office of Family Ministry will offer its first webinar in 2018. Intended for all those who are involved in marriage preparation or marriage enrichment ministry, it will be led by Dr. Jim Healy, director of the Office. This marriage enrichment webinar will last one hour and participants will be able to access it from their homes. Webinars can be an effective supplement to face to face events. The Family Ministry Office will be able to reach out to people across the diocese at the same time, none of whom will waste any time in traveling.

We are looking for couples in these ministries who would like to participate in the first webinar and who are willing to offer feedback about the experience. If you would like to be one of our "beta testers," please send an email to familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org. Be sure to include your full name and phone number, along with the type of marriage ministry you are involved in.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN IN 2018

The next **World Meeting of Families** will take place in Dublin, Ireland, from August 22-26, 2018. Pope Francis hopes to participate in at least some portion of this event. The last World Meeting of Families took place in Philadelphia in 2015. For more information on how to participate, either remotely or by being present at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, please go to <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/world-meeting-of-families-2018.cfm>.

January 27

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 their part of the process, the Office for Family Ministry is offering a Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners on Saturday, **January 27, 2018 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill.

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 time for prayers and time for questions and input regarding annulments and the relational issues dealt with in the questionnaire. Participants will be able to begin or continue filling out the questionnaire within a supportive environment. Pastoral ministers will be available for private consultation.

Lunch and materials are included in the \$25 fee. Please register by January 22 by mail or online at <http://conta.cc/2B9fo8j>. For more information, call **815-838-5334**.

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