



Equipes Notre-Dame

A dynamic Movement of committed couples witnessing God's love and joy in their marriage, encouraging spiritual growth that empowers them to help and influence others in their marriage spirituality.

QLD TEAMS SPIRIT NEWS – July 2023

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1. Message from the Regional Couple



**Claude and Meuris
Gonsalves**

Growth and development for any organisation are among key factors of any good organisation. We in our region do see and recognise that Teams is heading in the right direction. Thanks for the Inspiration, it is a great ingredient!! Our region is enriched with the addition of 6 new couples in the movement in the Bell Bowrie/Brookfield/Kenmore area. Paul and Lynda Roberts, who are piloting the team, have commented that they are almost ready to meet on their

own within a couple of months. It is envisaged another Team may develop out of the enthusiasm and interest spread around in the region through the new Team.

The Oceania meeting hosted by our region over 3 days in the first weekend of June was very warmly received by all. Thanks to our host couples, Tim and Susie Jones, Annette and Sandro De Luchi, Paul and Lynda Roberts, Harry and Mary Moyler and along with ourselves, were happy and enjoyed the experience and the friendship. We also thank Fr Rafael for allowing the use of the parish meeting room. The Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, preceded by dinner on Saturday night was a celebration indeed!!

On the 8th July Sr Jucelina, along with three other Canossan sisters celebrated her 25yrs in the congregation in their chapel at Oxley. Sr Jucelina was a dedicated member of Teams and has promoted Teams in East Timor. Congratulations Sr Jucelina!!

Our treasurer Cor De Regt has sent out a message re payment of subs for this year. As you are aware, subs were held back for the past 2 years, however our region had to fulfil our commitment to the Super region. Our subs support various activities to promote Teams and finances various Teams at home and around the world to reach out to the wider Team movement. Many thanks for your support.

As you are aware, our next International Gathering in Turin (15-20 July 2024) is gaining momentum. We have 34 persons who have expressed interest and counting it truly is an experience of Teams around the world. Do not hold back, as assistance to get you there is at hand !!

Our Teams' Retreat this year, is scheduled for the 8-10 Sept at Tallebudgera. More info to follow. See you there.

We will once again meet for our Charter Mass and dinner in November and plans are underway.

Claude and Meuris

2. Editorial

Greetings, Team Family,

We have just returned from a two month caravan holiday where we visited our Grandchildren in Melbourne. We had several "God Moments" on this trip as we explored our beautiful, but at times cold, country. We also found God in several people on the way. We had a very special experience at a little church in Milton, near Ulladulla, where we were made especially welcome by this small community.

It is now time to settle back into real life here in Brisbane again as there are several things being planned in our Teams Community.

There will soon be our Annual Retreat to be held Tallebudgera in September. (See further info in this Newsletter). We hope many can join us as our experience last year at Marian Valley was great with lots of fun and spiritual times.

Cheers,

Alison and Michael Golden

3. September Retreat – 8th to 10th September, 2023, at Tallebudgera Valley, Gold Coast

This year the retreat is over three days (Two nights) in accommodation at Tallebudgera/Currumbin Valley, a private large home belonging to Sandro's brother. Meals will be provided from within our talented movement. Last year several people attended the Retreat at Marian Valley, and we all enjoyed the time. We hope you can come along and find the friendships in Teams is totally worth experiencing. The idea of holding the retreat at Sandro's brother's home is new and they live on an acreage in the beautiful Tallebudgera Valley. The costs will be minimal and shared. Fr Morgan Batt will be with us on the Saturday night and has offered to answer any questions we have. We are all looking forward to hearing from Father Morgan as he has a reputation as a wise and well travelled pastor.

The photo below of Annette and Sandro de Luchi is at their daughter's wedding recently. Annette and Sandro were responsible last year for providing us with some delicious meals, some with an Italian flavour!! They were also guilty of causing us several muscle strains with some dance routines.

**Address for the
Retreat is -
3 Monday Drive,
Tallebudgera Valley
Exit 89**



Annette and Sandro
currently a Sector Couple
in Brisbane.

Those coming to the Tallebrudga Valley Retreat please contact Sandro and Annette on 0421 560 383 or by email to annetted4@gmail.com

4. Charter Mass Last year we had a special Mass celebrated with Fr Wrex Woolnough, Fr Raf Racinski and Fr Fadi Salame . We are so blessed to have these special priests supporting our Teams Movement as well as Fr Gary Walker who is our Australian Spiritual Advisor. Fr Raf is our Brisbane Regional Spiritual Advisor.

The Charter Mass this year will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, (Thank you Fr Wrex) Toowong, 30 Kensington Terrace, Toowong with the dinner in the Parish Hall, on Friday night, 10th November, 2023. Please mark your calendars. More info closer to the time.



Fr Gary Walker



Fr Fadi Salame



Fr Raf Racinski,



Fr Wrex Woolnough

We are very blessed to have several Spiritual Advisors in Teams to help guide us on our ways. We hope it goes both ways. Here are a few of them.

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5. Subscription Advice

You will remember there were no request for subscriptions in 2022. The Subs for 2023 are now encouraged and you may have received a request for 2023 subscriptions recently - \$70/couple and \$35/single. These are voluntary subscriptions and help to support our Movement here in Brisbane as well as elsewhere. Please consider depositing your subscriptions directly into the Teams Bank Account now.

Account Name – Teams of Our Lady

BSB Number - 064 151

Account Number - 10428037

Please add your name when depositing your subs.



Teams for Married Spirituality

6. Turin 2024 International Gathering.

Claude and Meuris Gonzales are helping to coordinate this Gathering. Please consider participating as these Gatherings have been very well attended in the past and helps to give our Organisation an impetus to help spread the role of Marriage in the Church.

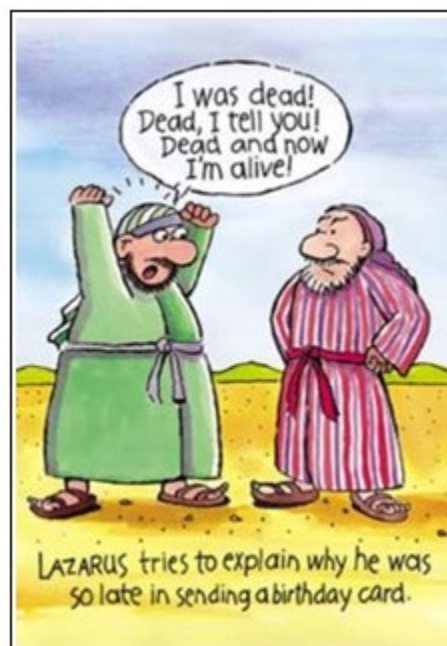


Gathering COST: €695 = approximately \$1,200 Australian per person

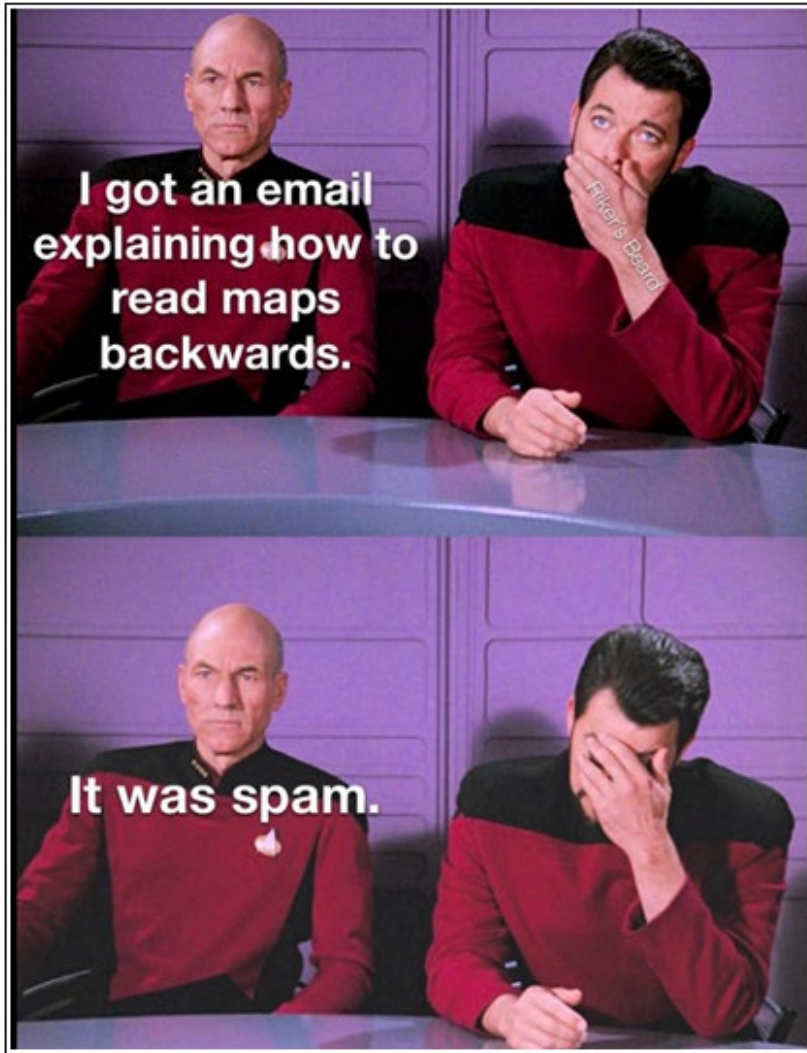
Registration covers hotel/convent accommodation, meals, entrance to all venues and participants' materials.

Travel to and from Turin, and insurance are registrants' responsibility.

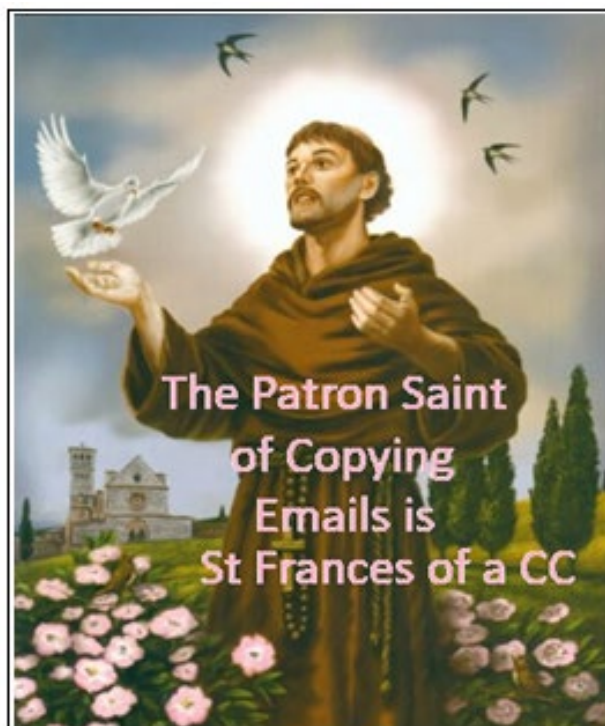
Turin in Italy is also called "Turino". Ask Sandro how it is pronounced correctly.



If you don't know where **Turin** is, look it up on a map. But you might need to read the map backwards?



This Newsletter is being sent via email. Did you know St Frances is the Patron Saint of emails?





Alison and Michael were recently in Melbourne and caught up with Cath and Bob Dixon. Bob has helped edit and print a Teams Discussion Resource for Teams called "Mary for today's World". There are several chapters, each prepared by Teams Couples from around Australia and is very suitable as a Study Topic.



If your Team is interested, please let us know – Alison on 0421 449 167. They can be purchased for about \$11 each.

