



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 - January 2023

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Anyone else have
prayer ADHD ?
Like you start praying,
wander off, come back,
and you're all like
"God I'm sorry,
where was I?"

1. Message from Regional couple

Hello friends.... 'The party is over' time to hit the road once again on the TEAMS EXPRESS! – with Teams there is always a move forward. That is what Married Spirituality does to society. 2023 is another year to count our Blessings.

Once again, we will celebrate the role of Responsible Couples & rekindle the Teams' Spirit. We just celebrated 75 years of Teams' spirit embodied in the charter. Let us reach out to many others and share this spirit of love. Our own family would be the best place to start. The regional Team in its diary of events for 2023, has included a 'Family Day' with children & grandchildren - the whole package! More details to come.

Teams - having spread far & wide - will celebrate the journey in Teams

internationally in July 2024 in Turin – be a part of this experience!! See the colour & hear the sounds of different nations all in TEAMS. Registration opens in June 2023. It is a wonderful experience and if you have not travelled in recent years, make this your priority and register. Turin – here we come! More to follow.

Many of us have been part of this great organisation for many good reasons, and for many years. It is only through your generosity and in your giving that another receives. We did waive the subs for 2021 and so look forward to rebuild to work effectively in 2023 and onwards....

See you soon & with best wishes.

Claude & Meuris



2. Fr Gary Walker is our Australian Teams Spiritual Director. He has extensive experience in Teams over many years, in different States in Australia and in different Countries around the world. We are very fortunate to have Fr Gary as an

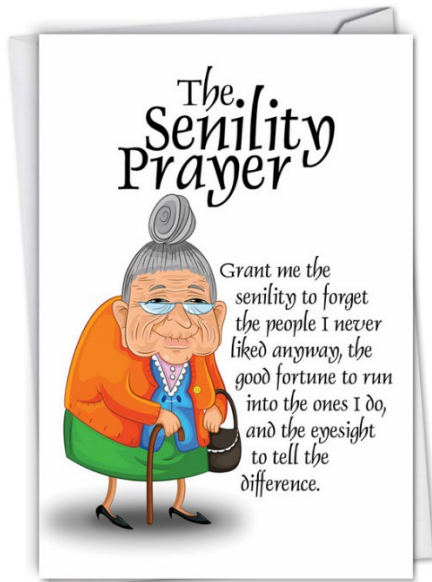
active member of Teams in Queensland and he will be celebrating Mass with us at the end of our **Formation Day** on Sunday, 12th February, 2023. At this Teams activity we will have a visiting couple as guest speakers discussing the **Mission of Marriage**. We will be keen to hear what they have to share with us and also hear what Fr Gary thinks about what we are called to witness as married couples. What is our role in spreading the Good News? Can Married people be active evangelists in our church? And how???

Further information about our Formation Day is included in this Newsletter.



3. Family Day in the Park.

On 23rd April, 2023 we will be having a get together for all our families and friends. More details to come.



This will be held on 12th February 2023 at St. Dympna's, Aspley, from 1 pm and concluding with Mass at 5 pm.

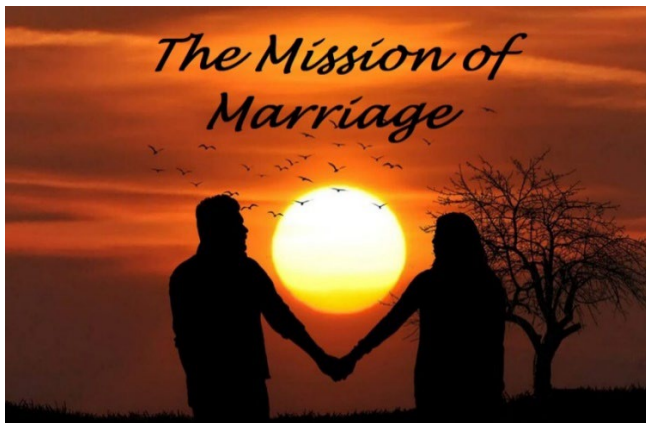
For further information and RSVP call Claude or Meuris on 0419 271 910 or email lehigons20211@outlook.com

4. Formation Day

Teams for Married Couples

12th February, 2023

from 1 pm to 5 pm and Mass.



Guest Speakers: Chantal and Arthur Wilson are going to speak of The Mission of Marriage. Chantal is from Evangelisation Brisbane.

This topic on **Formation Day** (the Mission of Marriage) could also be relevant to other couples who we know in our areas and they would be most welcome to come along too. Perhaps this reaching out could be part of **our** Marriage Mission?

There are some questions we could all contemplate sometimes.... What is Teams really for? Does it do anything for us? Is it worth the effort? Are we getting as much out of Teams as we did in the past?

These questions may sound challenging but if we do not evaluate our situation at times we might tend to drift! Let's take it seriously.

Attached to this email is a flyer which can be printed and placed in Parish News board or Parish Newsletter.

5. News from some team Members.

We would love to have some stories or photos from our Team friends to help add some interest in the Teams Newsletter. Please consider sending along some info or photos that can be included in future Newsletters.

Here are two photos, 50 years apart with the same people in the same order. Alison and Michael Golden celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary with some Teams friends.

2022...



1972...



Kathleen and Perry McDonald joined their team to celebrate 45 years married.



Joan and Eddie Casey and Sr Patrice joined them as well as Christine and Rein Duyvestyn.



6. Subscriptions

We will collect Subscriptions this year and our Treasurer, Cor, will send out a notice about subscriptions for 2023 soon. It will be suggested that the annual subscription be \$70 for a couple and \$35 for a single.

7. September 2023 Retreat -

Our 2023 Teams Retreat will again be at Marian Valley, Gold Coast Hinterland.

A tentative date has been proposed for the Weekend Retreat at Marian Valley – 8th to 10th September 2023.

There were many positive responses to our retreat at Marian Valley in 2022 and we feel trying this again is worth a big effort. Please consider joining us.

8. Charter Mass – 17th November

2023 at a venue to be decided. This year we travelled to South Brisbane where our Syrian Team joined us. We hope that this year it will be on the north side of Brisbane. Please pencil this date in.

9. Some good news about our Outreaching.

On Saturday, 21st January, an Information Night will be held at Bellbowie with Claude and Meuris and Annette and Sandro attending. The couples who attend will receive a copy of the Newsletter and an invitation to the Formation Day. Prayers please.

10. Editorial - Newsletter Couple.

Hi again Team friends,

We have tried to present an informative Newsletter with a touch of humour. We hope this works! Dates and activities are important, but we need our Team people to read the Newsletter and also to pencil in the different Team's activities and dates. So please mark your diaries.

Alison and Michael



Team's Directory - we need your help.



We are trying to get an accurate Team's Directory. Could you please **reply to this email** with your -

names

addresses

home and mobile Phone numbers

date of Wedding Anniversary. Thanks. Alison and Michael

BE GRATEFUL GOD DOES NOT HAVE VOICEMAIL

Imagine praying and hearing the following:

"Thank you for calling Heaven. Please select one of the following options –

For requests – press 1

For thanksgiving – press 2

For complaints – press 3

For confessions – press 4

For all other enquiries – press 5

To hear these options again – press 6.

I am sorry, but all our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners at the moment. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to:

God the Father – press 1

Jesus the Son – press 2

The Holy Spirit – press 3

If you would like King David to sing a

Psalm whilst holding – press 4

To find a loved one who has been assigned to Heaven – press 5 then enter his/her Medicare Card Number followed by the # key.

(If you get a negative response, please hang up and try area code 666)

For reservations into Heaven, please enter John 3:16.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, the number of angels that can stand on the head of a pin, life on other planets and where Noah's Ark is – please wait until you arrive.

The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday.

Have a nice day!