

Dear Pastors and Parish Bulletin Editors,

A marriage saving weekend is coming to the Diocese of La Crosse on August 12th to 14th, 2016. We are asking for your help in getting the word out to couples who are in need of this weekend.

Couples who have attended this marriage saving program tell us that seeing it announced repeatedly in their parish bulletin gave them the courage to pick up the phone and make the call. You are our lifeline to them! Registrations are needed by August 6th for the next weekend, although late registrations may be accepted if space is available.

Two programs are offered per year in Central WI, beginning with a weekend experience (February or August). Each weekend program has 7 short follow up sessions spread over the next 2-3 months to provide continued healing and support. This highly successful program is led by volunteer married couples who have experienced it and a diocesan priest.

Please Note: Although the program is Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths and those with no faith tradition are encouraged to attend and are respected for their beliefs. Christian values are discussed as they apply to helping a marriage; no other religious doctrine is discussed. **The focus is solely on saving marriages.**

Retrouvaille begins with the Weekend experience led by peer couples (of various faith backgrounds) who themselves have been helped by the program and a clergy member. Husbands and wives are given the opportunity to rediscover each other and to examine their life together in a new and positive way. It is not group therapy and couples are not asked to share their story with anyone else. The weekend program is followed by a series of seven Sunday afternoon "Post Sessions," where topics such as trust, forgiveness, conflict management, and re-building intimacy are explored more deeply.

By running an announcement in your bulletin for every weekend through August 6th, you give troubled marriages and their hurting families a chance to heal. The announcements we have provided should be easy to "cut and paste" into your church bulletins and newsletters. We thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

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Week 1

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For *confidential information* about, or to register for, the upcoming program beginning with a Weekend on August 12-14, 2016, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673), or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The Weekend is held at the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin

Week 2

Stress in Your Marriage? – **Retrouvaille** (Retro-vi with a long i) is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For *confidential information* about, or to register for, the program beginning the Weekend of August 12-14, 2016, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673), or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The Weekend is held at the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin

Week 3

Rediscover Your Marriage – **Retrouvaille** (retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For *confidential information* about, or to register for, the program beginning the Weekend of August 12-14, 2016, call 877-922-HOPE (4673), or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The Weekend is held at the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin.

Week 4

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless? **Retrouvaille** (retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For *confidential information* about, or to register for, the program beginning with a Weekend on August 12-14, 2016, call 877-922-HOPE (4673), or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The Weekend is held at the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin

Week 6

“Marriage 911” - *There is less than a week left to sign up for **Retrouvaille*** (retro-vi with a long i) a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their

relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For *confidential information* about, or to register for, the program in Central Wisconsin beginning the Weekend of August 12-14, 2016, call 877-922-HOPE (4673), or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The Weekend is held at the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin.