

The Dialogue



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LUIGI ♥ MARIA QUATTROCCHI

Married Life as the Path to Sainthood

by Jon and Hilary Olson

Saints are an integral part of the tradition of the Catholic church. We pray to the saints in mass or at home, our churches are named after them, we read their stories for inspiration, and even watch movies that chronicle their history and achievements. But did you know that October 2001 was the first time that a man and woman were beatified together as a married couple? Spouses have been beatified separately in the past, but Pope John Paul II's beatification of Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi, for their lives lived together as spouses and parents, was unique in the history of the church.

The Quattrocchis' 2001 beatification was part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the publication of the "Familiaris Consortio", John Paul II's document on marital life. Their three surviving children, ages 87 to 95, attended the ceremony. In his homily, the pope stated, "The richness of faith and married love shown by Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi is a living demonstration of what the Second Vatican Council said about all the faithful being called to holiness. They lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way." In recognition of the holiness of their marriage, the couple's feast day will be their wedding anniversary, November 25 (they were married in 1905).

Luigi (1880-1951) and Maria (1884-1965), natives of Rome, were married

for 50 years and had four children, three of whom chose a religious vocation. When pregnant with their youngest child, doctors gave the baby and mother little chance to survive the pregnancy and recommended an abortion to save Maria's life. However, the couple trusted in the Lord's protection, and after a difficult pregnancy, Maria gave birth to Enrichetta in 1914. In his homily, the pope praised this example of the Quattrocchis' exceptional openness to having children, in conjunction with other examples of their great faith, such as daily Communion, nightly praying of the rosary, and religious instruction of their children. He also noted their noble service to their church and community, particularly in their giving refuge to Jews and dissidents during the time leading up to and during World War II.

Canonization will be the next step for Blessed Luigi and Maria, whom the pope calls models for all Christian spouses and parents. The church's beatification of the Quattrocchis reminds us that religious vocation or the single life are not the only pathways to holiness - married life is also a noteworthy expression of living Christ's Gospel message. Don't forget the power of sharing the love of your blessed sacrament with all of those around you.



Blessed Luigi and Maria Quattrocchi's feast day will be celebrated on their wedding anniversary, November 25.



A photo of Luigi pinning a flower on Maria's coat during a walk in the mountains of Italy.

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A Family of Believers

Section 10 Convention 2004



Dallas, Texas

June 18-19, 2004

Convention events begin
Friday 6:30 PM
And end Saturday 9:00 PM

Families? BRING THE KIDS!

Children of all ages are welcome
YMCA programs and other fun activities for
all age groups

University of Dallas Campus

Some campus housing available
Hilton-Las Colinas, is offering a special rate
of \$41 a night plus tax

Registration \$100
per couple/family
\$50 per priest/religious

For more information and to register,
visit www.austinme.org or contact Hilary
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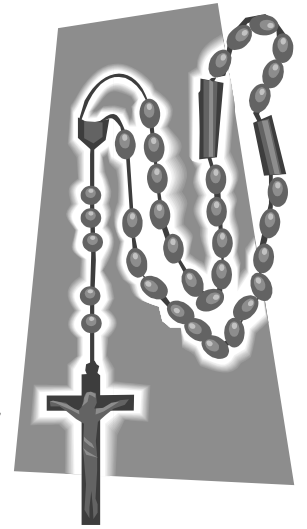
Speakers include:

National Leaders, Bob & Joy Hernandez
Section Leaders, Jose & Marilyn Garcia
Miracle Boy (Steve) & Mary Wallace

The cost includes registration plus lunch and dinner
on Saturday. Children less than 18 months are
welcome to accompany their parents during the day.
For children 18 months and above, there will be age
appropriate activities.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE COMMUNITY

**Jose♥Marilyn Garcia and
Fr. Len Stegman (WWME Section 10 Leaders)**



Section Leaders Call for Praying the Rosary

Jose & Marilyn Garcia and Father Len Stegman, the WWME Section 10 Leaders, issued an invitation to all Section Coordinators to pray the Rosary asking the Blessed Mother to continue to bless Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Jose & Marilyn and Fr. Len issued the challenge at the Secretariat meeting at the end of 2003, and it was the consensus of the nineteen Section Coordinators that Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM, local time in each time zone, would be the target time for all to offer the Rosary. **The hope is that all Catholic Marriage Encounter couples and priests will join in this challenge.** Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of building the church could not be better served than by having the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us.

Please set aside each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM to join the WWME family in offering a Rosary. If you can

gather others in your community to join you, please do so. If this is not possible, please try to gather your own families to pray this powerful prayer together. If Wednesday evenings do not work for you, then please choose another time, but join in offering your petitions for growth of WWME and your gratitude for the many marriages enhanced by the Weekend. Keep in mind our priests and the blessings they are to us. We are in need of priests to help present our Weekends, and possibly this prayer can be granted to us if we but ask.

If you are not familiar with how to pray the Rosary, do not remember all the prayers, or are just rusty, read this online article: http://www.ematrimony.org/prayer/rosaryhowto_bakers_20031103.htm.

UPCOMING MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EVENTS

May 14-16: ME Weekend, Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Belton, TX

July 9-11: Non-residential Spanish Speaking Weekend, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Austin, TX

September 24-26: ME Weekend, Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Belton, TX

June 18-19: Section 10 Convention, Dallas, TX

July 9-11: Non-residential Weekend, St. Joseph High School, Bryan, TX

November 5-7: ME Weekend, Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Belton, TX

June 25-27: Non-residential Weekend, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Austin, TX

August 6-8: ME Weekend, Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Belton, TX

December 3-5: ME Weekend, Hotel (TBA), Austin, TX



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...And the two of them become one body.

-Genesis 2:24

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