Phase II

Monthly Marriage Packet to Parishes

July 2016

Bulletin Corner

Weekend of July 2/3 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An attentive spouse is also a good spiritual director, a good listener, and a good counselor. He or she quietly takes in words, body language, eye movement, and then responds appropriately. The interactions and responses of spouses have long-lasting consequences. Is your interaction-response to your spouse life-giving?

Weekend of July 9/10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the Good Samaritan. Sometimes we can miss the hurts and needs of those closest to us. Does your spouse have a wound that needs tending?

Weekend of July 16/17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading about Mary and Martha reminds us that spouses, too, can be more of an activist (Martha) or a contemplative (Mary). Which are you? How does this mesh with your spouse's temperament?

Weekend of July 23/24 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happiness can be fleeting. Selfless love has the potential to carry a couple over the long haul and bring abiding joy. Is there some way you can be selfless today? Don't aim for every day; just today.

Weekend of July 30/31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us life does not consist of possessions. If you and your spouse constantly argue about material things, maybe it's time to look at what's most important in your marriage.

Prayer of the Faithful

Weekend of July 2/3 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For parents; may they receive the gifts of patience, imagination and understanding in their relationships with their children. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of July 9/10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all married couples; in their struggles let them rejoice that you are near to help them. In their needs let them know that you are there to rescue them. In their joys let them see that you are the source and completion of every happiness. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of July 16/17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For families; may they know the Presence of Christ by being open-minded, open-hearted and attentive to one another. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of July 23/24 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For married couples everywhere; may they find courage in asking for help when needed, support in seeking an ever deepening relationship with one another, and trust in keeping the door of their hearts always open. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of July 30/31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For families; may their minds and hearts be God-centered, that they might set aside busy schedules and material possessions to realize true fullness of Life. We pray to the Lord.