

Marriage: A Divine Plan

A Plan to be Lived!

JUNE 14-16, 2019

Retreat Led by: "Marriages for Mary"
Gerard & Rita McCarthy and Fr. James Fleming

Retreat Location: Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo, TX

[Sample Schedule]

Friday:

7:00pm Arrival

7:00-7:15pm Welcome & Blessing by Father James Fleming

7:15pm Overview of the Schedule/Weekend, Introductions & Theme Development Activity

7:45-8:45pm **Witness Talk-How did we get from There to Here!** By Gerard and Rita McCarthy

Followed by Q & A and Group Rosary

9:15pm Mug Up*

9:45pm Retire for the night

Saturday:

7:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions (**Father James Fleming**)

8:00am Mass

9:00am Breakfast

10:30am **Marriage: A Divine Plan** by Gerard and Rita

"God himself is the author of Marriage." CCC 1603

11:30am Q & A, Couple Activity & Large Group Couple Sharing

12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm **The Power of Love** by Gerard and Rita (followed by Q & A)

"For love to be real, it must cost – it must hurt – it must empty us of self."
– Saint Mother Teresa

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (followed by small Mug Up*)

3:45pm **Forgiveness** by Father James Fleming

“They must be careful not to be angry or disturbed at the sin of another, for anger and disturbance impede charity in themselves and in others.”

~St. Francis of Assisi, *The Later Rule*

4:30pm Free Time-Time for Couple Sharing, Prayer, Walk, etc.

5:30pm Candlelight Dinner

The Power of Praying Together! by Gerard and Rita

“We should seek not so much to pray but to become prayer.”

— Francis of Assisi

7:30pm Movie

9:30pm Retire for the night

Sunday:

8:00 Breakfast

9:30am **Marriage: Our Mission is Love** by Gerard and Rita

“Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.” CCC 2392

11:00am **Holy Mass (followed by Renewal of Vows)-Father James Fleming**

Feedback Sheets & Time to go home!!

**Mug Up is the Newfoundland (Canada) custom of having a cup or mug of tea and a snack taken between any of the main meals and before retiring for the night. It is usually accompanied by a good chat with a friend(s) or family.*

May the Lord truly bless you all with the light of truth as you continue to live out your married lives as one!

Love, Peace and Joy!

Gerard and Rita

God could not have chosen anyone less qualified, or more of a sinner, than myself. And so, for this wonderful work He intends to perform through us, He selected me- for God always chooses the weak and the absurd, and those who count for nothing.

-St. Francis of Assisi