

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

I am away this weekend assisting with the presentation of a Retrouvaille Weekend. You might recall that Retrouvaille is a retreat like experience geared for couples who are experiencing serious challenges in their marriages. The weekend explores areas of possible conflict and offers help in their resolution. The weekend is only a start as problems that have been brewing over a long period of time take time to heal. But with the special tools taught to the couples, and learned within a supportive environment, small miracles can and do happen.

On the Retrouvaille website the following explanation is given in the section entitled,

“Challenge in Marriage in Today’s Society:”

“This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program.

Many lawyers and judges send couples to Retrouvaille as a prerequisite to filing for a divorce or rendering final decisions. Many marriage counselors and family therapists send their clients to Retrouvaille as a prerequisite to counseling. These professionals know that the tools of communication in marriage taught in the program are often what couples need.

The Retrouvaille program is for husbands and wives and is not designed nor intended for couples in a co-habiting relationship.”

Retrouvaille is a Three-Phase Program:

Phase One: The Retrouvaille Weekend Experience

Phase Two: The Post Weekend Sessions

Phase Three: Monthly Support (CORE – Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience)

Please pray for the couples making the weekend along with the team couples presenting this Retrouvaille with me.

Perhaps your marriage is in trouble and could use assistance in beginning the healing process! I invite you to consider participating in a future Retrouvaille Weekend. For more information call (631) 998-6037 or email them at 3028@retrouvaille.org.

Please feel free to ask me about Retrouvaille. I’d be glad to answer your questions as you explore the possibility of participating in a Retrouvaille Weekend.

