

Biographies & Presentation Descriptions

Patricia Archuleta – *Surviving Spouse*

Peter and Patricia are Community Coordinators Emeritus of the thriving Retrouvaille community of Fresno, CA. They began their Retrouvaille journey in January 1993. Unable to finance their weekend, the Archuletas paid it forward in time and talents by starting the Fresno community shortly after their last Post session. Peter and Patricia presented Stage 1 for several communities in the Western and Mountain states and Post sessions 1, 2, 7 & 8. They have also facilitated Discernments for sister communities. Very unexpectedly, Peter became a Saint of Retrouvaille in May 2015 shortly after their 29th wedding anniversary. Patricia continues to be active in CORE and assists her community wherever and whenever needed. "The Lord has not called me out of this marriage healing ministry and until such time as He does, I belong to Retrouvaille."

Enriching Our Community CORE__Where do I fit in CORE?

Saturday Workshop 3:00 PM

Adjusting to living without your beloved in Retrouvaille can be a challenge. Don't let it be. There are lots of things you can still do. There are many topics you can present as the spouse of a Saint of Retrouvaille. Have you heard of tri-ologue? Make the Decision to Love and the Decision to Trust. You and another couple in your CORE group can answer and share the dialogue question with each other. In this session we will be share ideas on topics to present at CORE, hosting CORE, sharing our wisdom of community, learn and teach dialogue and tri-ologue and have some fun!!

Rev. Britto M. Berchmans

Born in India to deeply-committed Catholic parents, Fr. Britto is one of seven children. He joined the Salesians of Don Bosco as a young man and was ordained a priest in 1981. After he completed his priestly formation and his early education in India, he came to the US for his graduate degree in Journalism at Marquette in January 1985.

Moved by his pastoral experiences in parishes in the Midwest during his graduate studies at Marquette and the University of Illinois in Champaign, he requested to be incardinated into the archdiocese and as a result became a diocesan priest in 2003. After serving as an associate pastor at St Anne's in Barrington for almost seven years and ministering as pastor of St Nicholas in Evanston for three years, he became pastor of St Paul of the Cross Parish in July 2009.

He has served the Church as dean of philosophical studies, editor of a Catholic family magazine, campus minister, professor of mass communications, retreat preacher and spiritual director. He holds Master's degrees in Physics, journalism and Systematic Theology, and a Doctorate in Mass Communications. His ministerial priorities include nurturing Catholic education and the religious formation of children and young people, making faith accessible to today's Catholic and strengthening Christian marriage and family life. As one whose priesthood has been shaped by the stark realities of

India, Fr. Britto considers it crucial for a parish to come to the aid of the poor here in our own country and abroad.

How to Fight Fair – Wise Conflict Resolution in Marriage

Saturday Workshop 3:00 PM

It is unhealthy conflict resolution that often breaks a marriage. This session will demonstrate the various approaches to conflict resolution and offer concrete ways to improve this skill in marriage and dating relationships. Drawing on the wisdom of Dr. John Gottman, Fr. Britto will explain how we can increase “positive override” by avoiding certain attitudes and behaviors in conflict management. He will also provide simple rules for fighting fair.

Wisdom from the Word: Biblical Insights for a Christ-filled Marriage

Saturday Workshop 4:30 PM

Even though Christians believe that the Bible is the Word of God, many may be of the opinion that its teachings do not correspond with “real life”. In his talk, Fr. Britto draws from it some great insights that resonate with the best conclusions of psychology today. When we construct our marriage based on these insights, we forge an emotionally intelligent relationship.

Jeanne Botz - Surviving Spouse

Jeanne and her husband Joe made their Retrouvaille weekend in Feb 1989 in Tampa Fl. In May of 1989 they attended the first Formation weekend in Tampa, presented Stage one in September of 1989 and represented Tampa Bay Retrouvaille at the ICM in Toronto in October 1989 a spirit filled year. Joe and Jeanne presented Stage one for 23 years and presented the original Post Sessions. Joe and Jeanne served the Tampa Bay Community as Coordinator Couple, Deputy coordinator couple, registration couple, financial couple and secretary.

Couple. One was called home June 2012 and Jeanne has been coordinating the Saints of Retrouvaille Ceremony for the 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 ICM as well as giving workshops and working with the Surviving Spouse Circle. She continues to stay active in the Tampa Bay community recently being discerned as Secretary and assists in workshopping talks.

Grief a journey at different stages of our life

Saturday Workshop 9:30 AM

A workshop for anyone experiencing a loss in their life. The grief we experience when we lose someone special in our life is shattering. The grieving process is different for each of us causing disconnect from family, friends, work and our spiritual life. This workshop will provide information on the grieving process related to losing a parent, sibling, child and the importance of moving out of isolation. We never “get over” our loss but rather find a way to weave it into the tapestry of our life.

Surviving Spouse Finding Our Way in a Community of Disciples

Sunday Workshop 9:00 AM

This workshop will focus on the continued journey of the Surviving spouse in the Retrouvaille Ministry. We will discuss the unique gifts that the surviving spouse brings to their particular community as we minister as a Community of Disciples. We will discuss the various roles that

surviving spouses can do to support their community. This workshop will also discuss the Surviving Spouse Circle and working on making this a International support for all the surviving spouses in our International Community.

Mike and Andrea Buckley

Mike and Andrea Buckley are the Directors of Third Option International, a skills based group program that helps individuals and couples build stronger, more fulfilling marriages. This award winning program was founded by the Catholic Diocese of Syracuse in 1988.

The Buckley's were the founding coordinators of the Retrouvaille Community of Syracuse /Utica, NY in 2006 and are still involved as a Post team and Finance Couple. Mike is the CEO of The Good News Foundation of Central New York, a marriage and family center located in Utica, NY. For more information log on to: thethirdoption.com. Phone 1-855- 624-9476.

Third Option for CORE

Friday Workshop 10:30 AM

A new 14 topic Third Option DVD is now available to couples so that they can work on their marriages at home. A streaming version is also available. Many Retrouvaille communities have been using the Third Option DVD to help build their CORE groups in addition to their other program resources.

Mike and Andrea help support the over 30 Third Option communities across the U.S. and internationally.

Third Option for CORE (repeated – see above)

Saturday Workshop 4:30 PM

Third Option for CORE (repeated – see above)

Sunday Workshop 10:30 AM

Manuel and Rebecca Campa – Spanish

Manuel and Rebecca Campa de Apache Junction Arizona, Manuel Nativo de Sonora Mexico y Rebecca de Phoenix, Arizona. Casados 19 anos, 5 hijos hombres (2 Casados) y 7 nietos. Vivimos el primer FDS de Retrouvaille Phoenix Espanol, Febrero de 2012. Compartimos en Los FDS en Phoenix Arizona y Afuera en otro Estados, damos post talks, ayudamos a abrir y formar un C.O.R.E. en Chandler, Arizona, traducimos by-laws para el ICM 2015, Estuvimos en encuentro matrimonial mundial 12 anos, estamos en involucrados en el ministerio de encuentro personal con Jesus, somos ministros de Eucaristia en la Parroquia y ministros de Eucrista para Los Emfermos, tambien involucrados en coordinar funerals en nuestra parroquia

La Vida Matrimonial De Pareja Despues De Un Divorcio

Saturday Workshop 3:00 PM

Los efectos del divorcio y como afecta la vida de nosotros como pareja ,los hijos y nuestras familias.

Ken and Sheri Czulno

Ken and Sheri reside on the far southeast side of Chicago and take great pride in their role as Coordinators for the Northwest Indiana community, as well as Stage 2 and Posts 1 & 2 presenters. They were high school sweethearts and have been married for 42 years, have two adult children and four gorgeous grandchildren. In their spare time, Sheri enjoys listening to Ken play guitar in his Rock Band, "Just For Fun". They made their Retrouvaille weekend in Rockford in November, 2004.

Pornography- The Weed that inhibits togetherness

Thursday Workshop 2:00 PM

One of the greatest threats to fidelity today is the increasing addiction to Pornography. Ken and Sheri will share their personal story and their struggle for peace and hope.

Note: Included in the presentation is a brief (16 minute DVD) entitled "Marriage Works in Christ" with Fr. James Dean and Greg and Julie Alexander.

Tom and Bonnie Edwalds / Gus and Edda Rivera

Tom and Bonnie Edwalds have been married for 34 years and have two grown daughters and a granddaughter. They attended their Retrouvaille weekend in 1996. They spearheaded the creation of Retrouvaille of Northern Illinois, and have served as NoIL area coordinators and NoIL finance couple. They have also served in several leadership positions in their local community, Chicago, and served on the International Board as the International Finance Couple from 2011 - 2013. They present Stage 1 and Posts 3 and 4.

Gus and Edda Rivera are the Community Coordinator couple for the San Jose, California community. Their Retrouvaille weekend was in January 2004. They are also the Treasurer couple for NorCal which is made up of 8 Retrouvaille communities. They have two beautiful children, Ricky (17) and Clara (14) who are both in high school as well as participating in competitive sports.

Serving Better by Working Together

Friday Workshop 9:00 AM

Our ministry can be more efficient and effective when communities work cooperatively rather than in isolation or in competition. Retrouvaille of NorCal and Retrouvaille NoIL-NWIN are two organizations that are successfully combining the efforts of multiple communities in neighboring geographic areas. Find out how these organizations are structured and what advantages are gained by these cooperative structures.

Delfaul and Mariela Guzman- *Spanish*

Los presentadores son Mariela y Delfaul Guzman, vivieron su fin de semana en Junio del 2010, tienen 10 años casados y 3 hijos Julia de 9 años, Emanuel de 8 años y Camila de 4 años.

Participamos de manera activa en La comunidad de Detroit Michigan como presentadores de fin de semana en Las Charlas 1 y 2, así como de el seguimiento 9 y como parte de la mesa directiva de Retrouvaille metro Detroit como coordinadores de CORE.

Intimidad El Cemento Que Une Los Ladrillos En El Matrimonio

Saturday Workshop 4:30 PM

Profundiza en los niveles de intimidad emocional, espiritual y sexual que un Matrimonio sano debe de tener, es basado en varios artículos de internet, nosotros creemos firmemente como no lo dice Retrouvaille: Un Matrimonio sano tiene como base la comunicación, ya que esta es la puerta para alcanzar una intimidad profunda en un matrimonio.

Francis Hannigan, MA

Frank Hannigan has been the Director of the Marriage and Family Ministries Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago for 32 years. Ministries include marriage preparation, education, and support, Family Ministry, Divorce Support, and NFP. The oldest son in a family of seven, Frank grew up on the south side of Chicago and graduated from Quigley South High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Niles College of Loyola University and his masters at Chicago State University. A former Teacher of the Year at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Frank is also a certified Master Trainer.

Frank is coauthor of *A Marriage in the Lord*, a marriage preparation book that has been used by over 700,000 couples across the United States. His most recent accomplishment is the development of www.catholicmarriageprepclass.com, an online on-demand marriage prep program for couples that is currently used around the world. He is a board member for the National Association of Catholic Life Ministers (NACFLM).

He and his wife, Marilyn (third oldest of nineteen), married in 1975 and have 5 sons and 3 grandchildren. They are members of St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr in Tinley Park.

Ministering to Millennials: A Whole New Ball Game

Sunday Workshop 9:00 AM

Many in ministry have been doing things the same way for years...and it has worked! But, not any more. Find out who the Millennials are, what's important to them and most importantly, how best to minister to this generation.

James Healy Ph.D.

Dr. Jim Healy has spoken on marriage in over 85 dioceses across the United States and beyond. His marriage materials, most notably his CD, **When the Cake is Gone: How to Be Married and Stay Engaged**, his **Living Together and Christian Commitment** materials, and his **Spirituality and**

Religion in Your Marriage have been widely used. His **Making Happiness a Habit: Four Steps to a More Joyful Marriage** was released in 2016.

Dr. Healy has contributed chapters to a number of books on family ministry, and has written for such magazines as *Family Perspectives*, *Catholic World*, *Liguorian*, *Marriage*, and *Deacon Digest*. He has also written online for the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website, *For Your Marriage*, for the *First Day and For Ever* electronic newsletter for the newly married, and for Franciscan Media's *Everyday Catholic*.

Since 1989, Dr. Healy has been the director of the Center for Family Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. He received his M.A. in the Social Sciences from the University of Chicago in 1978 and his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Illinois in 1985.

Dr. Healy has served as an advisor to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Marriage and the Family. He was honored with the 2000 Family Ministry Award by the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers. He and his wife Madonna have four adult children.

<http://www.rootedinlove.org/>

How to Be Married and Stay Engaged

Friday Keynote 9:00 pm

Three types of intimacy are needed for a marriage to thrive. Happily, these are also the basis of our three Christian marriage vows. In down to earth and sometimes humorous ways, Dr. Healy will describe how to live these vows more fully and joyfully.

Making Happiness a Habit: Four Steps to a More Joyful Marriage

Saturday Workshop 4:30 pm

Happiness in marriage comes not so much from the once-in-a-lifetime events, but from the things we do over and over. What are these "habits of the heart" that lead to joy and fulfillment? They are firmly grounded in our faith, but social science research has also suggested their importance for human happiness.

Rev. Francis J. Hoffman, JCD

"Fr. Rocky" serves as Executive Director of Relevant Radio® in addition to serving on the Board of Directors for Starboard Media Foundation, Inc. (dba Relevant Radio). Since 2003, Fr. Rocky has been a regular contributor to the Relevant Radio programs and is a weekly host of the popular show "Go Ask Your Father." He was appointed Executive Director in April, 2010.

Born and raised in suburban Chicago (Mundelein), Fr. Hoffman has been a member of Opus Dei for over 30 years. Ordained as a priest in 1992, he holds a doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, an M.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame, and a B.A. from Northwestern University in History. Prior to his ordination, he worked in sales for the Inland Steel Company and later in tax and audit for Crowe, Chizek and Company, CPAs.

For over 30 years, Fr. Hoffman has ministered to youth, serving in education since 1996. Prior to joining Relevant Radio, Fr. Hoffman served as Chaplain of Northridge Preparatory School in Niles, Illinois, a college prep school for boys in grades 6-12. During the summers of 1994-2009, he worked with the rural poor in the mountain regions of central Mexico.

Fr. Hoffman's column appears regularly in The Catholic Answer (Our Sunday Visitor) and The Catholic New World (Chicago). Fr. Hoffman is heard daily on the Relevant Radio Network and has appeared on other radio and television networks.

Marriage Insurance: 12 Rules to Live By
Saturday Keynote 8:00 AM

5 Virtues Every Catholic Parent Should Pass on to their Children
Saturday Workshop 9:30 AM

5 Virtues Every Catholic Parent Should Pass on to their Children presented by Rev. Francis J. Hoffman, JCD

This unique talk discusses 5 essential virtues: a taste for hardwork, sincerity, piety, poverty and purity and how these virtues can be passed on from parents to their children.

Robert and Judi Hornback

Bob & Judi are from Highland IN and have been married 30 years. They have one adult daughter. Bob & Judi are active in various church ministries but make marriage ministry their primary focus. They are currently the Coordinators of Retrouvaille of Northern Illinois-Northwest Indiana.

A Crucifixion Type Love
Thursday Workshop 3:30 PM

What does love really mean to you? Women—how do you want to be loved? Men—how do you love your spouse?

Couples—how can you improve upon your relationship with your spouse using the example that God has given with His only son, Jesus, himself? What are you willing to do for this marriage relationship?

Join Bob & Judi Hornback as they take you through what it means to have "A Crucifixion Type Love" using a poem written by Brent Rice.

A Crucifixion Type Love (repeated – see above)
Saturday Workshop 1:30 PM

Robert Kroll

Bob lives in Neenah, Wisconsin, has been married to Christine for 22 years, and has four sons. He received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Bob has been speaking since 2006 and is currently studying for his Master of Theology with The Augustine Institute of Denver, Colorado.

"The Father Wound...and Beyond"
Saturday Workshop 9:30 AM

Many of us, if not most, have had the experience of having a good relationship with our fathers. For a variety of reasons, others have not. Some of those relationships have been painful. Bob will speak of these relationships through his presentation called "The Father Wound...and Beyond". We all know this is an increasingly vital subject as many young people today don't even know who their fathers are. Bob will speak of his own troubled relationship with his father and how this affected relationships with his own children and his wife, and he will explain how wounds from your past may be affecting many or most of your current relationships. After his talk you may never look at fatherhood in the same way. Bob is the founder of With All Your Heart, an apostolate that focuses on helping people move past hurts in their past and move towards forgiveness. Bob's personal story has a happy ending and you will be forever changed after hearing this presentation. See more at www.withallyourheart.org

"I think the father wound is a major epidemic and is causing devastating consequences in our world today. But with God's help, we can be healed from this wound." --Bob Kroll, speaker on "The Father Wound...and Beyond"

"The Father Wound...and Beyond" (repeated – see above)
Saturday Workshop 3:00 PM

Mike and Charlotte Mazzei / Erik and Colleen Beeson

Mike & Charlotte Mazzei were married in 1983. Their two children were 5 and 8 when they made their Retrouvaille weekend in March 1992 in San Jose, CA. They present Stages 1 and 3, all 12 Post talks and Formations. They created and present the Digging Deeper Weekend. They have served in every position in their local community. With Fr Bill Hoffman, they served on the RI Board from 2004 to 2006 as the Expansion/Development Team. Publicizing Retrouvaille and finding more Friday Night Couples is one of their strongest passions.

Erik and Colleen Beeson made their Retrouvaille weekend in January of 2013. Erik has a degree in Computer Science and has been working in the tech industry since 2001. His passion is to build websites that just work and are easy for everyone to use. He loves discovering new technology and is already teaching programming principles to their 6 and 4 year old children. Colleen graduated with an A.A. in Film Studies. She then went to work for 7 years at a tech startup doing support and customer relations. Colleen now stays at home homeschooling their 4 children.

Both the Mazzei's and the Beeson's are members of the WPC (Web Presence Committee)

Publicity, Abundance and the Friday Night Couples
Saturday Workshop 9:30 AM

In Retrouvaille we all struggle with how to get more couples on the weekends. This workshop give some practical advice on how to help communities that struggle in this area.

Publicity, Abundance and the Friday Night Couples (repeated – see above)
Saturday Workshop 4:30 PM

Pam Miller - Surviving Spouse

Pam and Paul Miller were married in 1980 after 25 years of marriage they attended a Retrouvaille meeting in June 2005. In 2006 they began presenting Stage 2 for the Baton Rouge and Acadiana Communities in Louisiana and often traveled to other communities. Pam and Paul served their community as Community Coordinators and Prayer Couple Coordinators for the Acadiana Community. Paul was called home November 2013. Pam continues to serve the Retrouvaille community of Acadiana, by presenting at ICM and being active in the Surviving Spouse Circle.

Guilt: The Unmentioned Stage of the Grieving Process
Saturday Workshop 11:00 AM

A presentation on the guilt many surviving spouses bring in to widow/widower hood and some guilt uniquely felt by members of the Retrouvaille community.

Julian and Maria Munoz – Spanish

Julian Y Maria Munoz, en este febrero pasado cumplieron 30 años de matrimonio sacramental, tienen 3 hijos, dos mujeres y un varón, y cuatro nietos varones. Vivieron su fin de semana de Retrouvaille en Septiembre del 2011 en Los Angeles, Ca. cuando la Diócesis de Phoenix les pidió traer el programa a la comunidad hispana, fueron coordinadores de su comunidad y actualmente son la pareja de soporte y desarrollo de las comunidades hispanas. Son presentadores de las charlas etapa 1 y 3 de fin de semana, y los seguimientos 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 y 9.

El Perdón En El Matrimonio, Un Regalo De Dios
Saturday Workshop 11:00 AM

Ser conscientes de que el perdonar no se logra de la noche a la mañana, es un proceso que se logra con la ayuda de Dios.

Chris Padgett

A songwriter, musician, speaker and worship leader, Chris Padgett travels around the world giving talks, missions and concerts. Using the medium of music and message, he communicates the message of Christ's love and forgiveness in a way that makes a difference.

He and his family entered the church on Easter of 1999. Chris is largely known for his zany sense of humor and his love for books. Padgett holds a master's in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and has begun doctoral work in Marian studies at the International Marian Research Institute in Dayton, Ohio.

He married his high school sweetheart, Linda, and has nine children, tons of memories, and prayerfully many years to grow in this vocation with his best friend. Together they have published *Not Ready for Marriage, Not Ready for Sex: One Couple's Return to Chastity* and *Holy Marriage, Happy Marriage: Faith-Filled Ways to a Better Relationship*. <http://chrispadgett.com/>

Holy Marriage, Happy Marriage: Faith-Filled Ways to a Better Relationship

Sunday Keynote 8:30 AM

Strong faith creates a strong relationship. We'll explore how the cardinal and theological virtues are the basics that help a marriage thrive.

I'm Not OK. You're Not OK. But It's OK.

Sunday Workshop 10:30 AM

If they really knew me... How many times have we thought that? We put on a face that says we're OK, but in reality we are a mess. We don't think life can be better, so we learn to excel at being average. What if life could be lived differently? No one is perfect, we're in good company, and there is a God who sees that we are not OK and wants to be with us anyway.

Hugo and Teresa Sanchez – Spanish

Mi nombre es Hugo Sanchez y mi esposa Teresa Sanchez nosotros vivimos nuestro fin de semana en octubre del 2010 nosotros tenemos 3 hijos.

Valery de 12 años, Jennifer de 10 años y Hugo jr de 4 años tenemos 14 años de casado yo soy de la ciudad de Queretaro Mexico y mi esposa es de Michoacan Mexico.

Nosotros actualmente somos la pareja enlace de la comunidad de Detroit metro también somos presentadores del fin de semana con la charla de 3, también nosotros presentamos en los seguimientos posteriores dando el seguimiento 11 y 12.

Y pues actualmente nos mantenemos gracias a Dios trabajando con las herramientas que Retrouvaille nos da para tener una buena relación.

Barreras Que Nos Impiden Tener Un Buen Dialogo

Saturday Workshop 1:30 PM

Se trata de cuando nosotros como pareja muchas veces ponemos muchas barreras para tener un buen dialogo y en este taller vamos a descubrir todas las barreras que existen en una pareja que a veces no nos damos cuenta que tenemos muchas.

Francisco and Lilia Sanchez – Spanish

Nosotros somos Francisco y Lilia Sanchez, vivimos nuestro fin de semana en Agosto del 2008, tenemos 2 hijos, Diana de 13, Jose Luis de 9 y estamos esperando nuestro 3er bebe que nacera en julio ella se llama Areli, tenemos 16 años de casados somos de Queretaro, Mexico, apoyamos a nuestra comunidad de metro Detroit activamente presentando fines de semana, sesiones de seguimiento, core o cualquier otra actividad que nuestra comunidad lo requiera, tenemos la charla 1 y 2 de fin de semana y las sesiones de seguimiento 5,6, 10, 11 y 12, hace 3 años fuimos la pareja enlace de esta comunidad..

continuamos en Retrouvaille por que creemos fielmente en el matrimonio y queremos seguir perseverando en nuestra decision de amar.

"Formula para fortalecer nuestro matrimonio: V + v + c = s Voluntad Divina + voluntad propia + conciencia = santidad"

Saturday Workshop 9:30 AM

Scott Seibert, MSW, LCSW

Scott is an experienced speaker from the Indianapolis area. He considers himself a full-time husband and father of three who happens to work full-time in ministry and social work. Scott married his wife KC in 2009 and they reside in McCordsville, IN. As Scott says, "I would love to tell you what I like to do in my free time, but I don't know what that is..." Scott does enjoy coffee, beer, reading, watching football, and most of all, "wasting time with family."

Scott firmly believes that the extraordinary is found daily in the ordinary, if we are simply open and present to it. Through his speaking and writing, he hopes to capture those moments and savor the beautiful mess of life! Scott's theory on life: "God doesn't take us out of our messes, but enters into them with us."

Scott currently serves as the Marriage and Family Enrichment Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Scott is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state of Indiana and has worked in a variety of settings including private practice, hospital, treatment facility, and home-based settings. Scott specializes in working with couples and with male youth who have sexually maladaptive behaviors.

Scott is an experienced speaker who has given a variety of talks on topics including Love and Sexuality, The Psychology of Sexuality, the Sacramentality of Marriage, Natural Family Planning, The Skills of Love and Marriage, Conflict and Communication in Marriage, Chastity, Discipleship, Families and Mercy, and Discernment just to name a few! Scott loves speaking to people of all age groups, at a variety of settings including colleges, parishes, and conferences.

You can catch Scott semi-regularly on The Last Pew radio show on Catholic Radio Indy or listen to the podcasts at www.lastpewradio.com. You can read his blogs at www.brothersjourney.org.

God's Plan and Our Reality

Saturday Workshop 11:00 AM

This workshop will explore the reality of discord and conflict in married life. Discussion will cover different types of conflict, which conflict to avoid and which conflict to embrace, and how to walk the path of forgiveness. Tools will be shared to practically handle conflict as it arises, including how to bring Ignatian Spirituality, specifically the Examen, into daily practice to heal the wounds of sin and conflict and a Revised exercise based on the Penitential Rite. With a dash of humor, this talk is sure to inspire your marriage to greater love and give you the tools necessary to help other couples on the path of daily forgiveness as well.

Marriage: Purpose and Mission
Saturday Workshop 1:30 PM

It generally understood that each person is created for a unique purpose and mission in the Kingdom of God. Yet, its often overlooked or taken for granted that God uses each marriage for a particular purpose as well. This workshop will explore how to discern that mission and how to write a personalized mission statement for marriage. This workshop provides the blueprint for building a mission statement and encourages each couple to be intentional in this purpose for which they have been called.

Dr. Rolanda “Ro” Schmidt

Dr. Rolanda “Ro” Schmidt, is an international speaker and author dubbed a “humble servant leader” dedicated to consulting with non-profit organizations, individuals, and corporations and helping them meet their professional and personal goals. She uses a versatile wealth of knowledge gained from working in the corporate, non-profit, and entrepreneurial sector to influence her clients. Dr. Ro also enjoys serving as an adjunct professor to undergraduate and graduate students at Cardinal Stritch University teaching numerous subjects including marketing.

She has been featured in the Washington Post, New York Times, USA Today, on MTV, ESPN, and a plethora of radio shows. Dr. Ro’s happiness is derived from serving God, spending time with her husband, and children/bonus children, and helping abused children and the elderly population in need. Her personal mission is to be a beacon to everyone she encounters. To learn more about her background and books, visit www.drrolanda.com.

5 Dynamic Techniques of Effective Marketing ©
Friday Workshop 10:30 AM

Are you struggling with marketing in your Retrouvaille community? Is retaining couples for post sessions an issue? Would you like to increase the volume of couples attending Retrouvaille weekends? If your answers are yes, this is the workshop for you.

5 Dynamic Techniques of Effective Marketing © (repeated – see above)
Sunday Workshop 10:30 AM

Tom and GERALYN Sparough

The Sparoughs specialize in creative, fun, and enriching programs. A professional storyteller and juggler, Tom has a MA in psychology. A veteran teacher and fiber artist, GERALYN has a MA in counseling. They have been married for 30 years and have raised two children, not counting the kids in the neighborhood. Together they founded Creative Retreat, LLC, an organization helping individuals, couples and organizations to recognize and utilize their strengths. They are trained facilitators for the Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment, now known as Better Marriages. The Sparoughs joined the Retrouvaille community this year by taking the retreat, posts and joining

their local CORE group. They have written two books together— *The Secret Diary of Mother Mary* and *The Embodied Rosary*.

Utilizing their own strengths, the Sparougs help others to reflect, recharge, and renew. Read more at <http://www.creative-retreat.net/>

Hope Springs Eternal

Saturday Workshop 3:00 PM

As we age, most of us say goodbye to the effortless beauty and vitality of youth. Hair color, skin, eyes, energy, and body distribution aren't what they used to be. This can be tough on a relationship and drain our hope for the future. Nonetheless, all of us meet people who in their old age are filled with enthusiasm, zest, and a youthful spirit. This is not mythical. These are real people, real couples. Do you want what they have? Come explore this pursuit with us. This scriptural and down-to-earth session will help each of us to look inside oneself and see what life-giving water nourishes us, what gives us hope eternal. It will be filled with storytelling, scripture, discussion and uplifting challenges to see things in new ways.

The Love Story

Saturday Evening Program

We are all in a love story with ups and downs, joys and sorrows, laughter and tears. This humor-filled presentation will blend storytelling, juggling, prayer, ritual and hands-on fun into an inspirational experience that will be with you for years to come.

Embodied Rosary: Entering the Mysteries through Gestures

Sunday Prayer 8:00 AM

This morning prayer will break open the Rosary experience. We will experience the Rosary as a story and an invitation to reflect on our own lives and marriages. This renewing experience will literally and figuratively embody the mysteries of the Rosary.

Hope Springs Eternal (repeated – see above)

Sunday Workshop 9:00 AM

Sean Culver and Michelle Thoma

Sean Culver and Michelle Thoma-Culver made their Retrouvaille weekend in December 2014, and their Formation weekend in November 2015. They have been married twenty years and live in Chicago with their dog, Edward Hopper. They are members of the Chicago city CORE group.

Non Violent Communication

Saturday Workshop 11:00 AM

Sean and Michelle will present an introduction to Non-Violent Communication (NVC). NVC was developed by Dr. Marshall B. Rosenberg as a practical method to reduce the violence of our interactions. NVC is a powerful tool emphasizing empathy with self and others. NVC has spread to over 65 countries and is used by hundreds of thousands to compassionately contribute to each other

and resolve conflicts peacefully in diverse settings including within families, schools, mental health facilities, corporations, prisons, legal systems, religious institutions and military organizations. Sean and Michelle have been studying NVC for over ten years, and were struck by how NVC shared goals with the Retrouvaille dialoging process in truly valuing the presence of others. In this presentation Sean and Michelle will demonstrate how NVC can supplement the dialoging process by clarifying the relationship between feelings, needs, and problem solving.

Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, Ph.D.

Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, Ph.D. is an educational psychologist with adult children who were diagnosed with ADHD and/or Asperger's Syndrome when they were in elementary school. Using wisdom gleaned from psychological research and motherly ingenuity (with a dose of necessary humor), she aims to help parents understand their child's condition and work together to maximize family harmony. A former teacher, Dr. Wojtaszek-Healy is the Consultant for Special Needs in Religious Education for the Diocese of Joliet and has addressed parents, teachers, catechists and principals in various dioceses across the U.S. about nurturing children with disabilities. She is the author of "The ABC's of ADD for Catechists."

He Must Get That from Your Side!

Saturday Workshop 11:00 AM

Raising a child with an invisible disability challenges parents' patience with their child and each other. Parents of children with ADHD or autism spectrum disorder must find ways to manage their child's behavior, so that their marital relationship can thrive in spite of the stress. An effective plan of action is necessary.