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Dear Bulletin Editor or Pastor,

Another marriage saving weekend is coming to the Greater Victoria region soon. Please help families in your community.

Many couples across the nation who have attended Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) tell us they learned about this program from their weekly parish Bulletin.

A significant number of the hurting couples are afraid to ask their pastor or friends for help with their marriages. Others are just hoping time will make things better. They tell us that seeing the program announced repeatedly in their Bulletin gave them the courage to pick up the phone and make the call. Most say that Retrouvaille was the lifeline that helped their marriage and their family. **You are our lifeline to them!**

By running the series of Retrouvaille weekend announcements (below) for the ten weeks prior to the August 2019 weekend, you give troubled marriages and their hurting families a chance to heal.

The bulletin articles below, when published for most if not all of the ten weeks, provides a comprehensive view of the Retrouvaille marriage healing program. However, we realize that space is extremely limited in many of the parish bulletins. For that reason, the first article below is one you can use (repeatedly, if possible) when space is at a premium. If room allows, we would appreciate you utilizing the more detailed articles dated between May 18/19 and July 20/21 whenever possible.

**Abbreviated Bulletin Article:**

**Retrouvaille Marriage Healing Weekend**

Is there stress in your marriage? Are you thinking of separation or divorce because you see no hope for a future together? Please check out **HelpOurMarriage.org** or call **1-800-470-2330** for confidential inquiries. The next Victoria area weekend is **August 2-4, 2019.**

### **Week 1: May 18/19, 2019**

**Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.**

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

For more information about the Victoria August 2-4, 2019 Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

### **Week 2: May 25/26, 2019**

**Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."**

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored.

**Retrouvaille** provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises For more information about the Victoria August 2-4, 2019 Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

### **Week 3: June 1/2, 2019**

**In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?**

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically.

**Retrouvaille** is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together.

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#### **Week 4: June 8/9, 2019**

**Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul?  
Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change.  
It needs your time and attention.**

Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. **Retrouvaille** is a marriage program for couples whose marriage has veered off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage.

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#### **Week 5: June 15/16, 2019**

**Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.**

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. **Retrouvaille** is a peer ministry made up of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

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#### **Week 6: June 22/23, 2019**

**Faith, Hope and Love . . . Are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that they can be?**

1 Corinthians 13:13 tells us the greatest of these is Love. Living in a marriage that is missing love can be difficult. If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to prayerfully consider the two of you attending a Retrouvaille program. **Retrouvaille** is an international Christian-based ministry that offers a three-stage program to help couples improve their marriages. First, a weekend program is attended, followed by six post-weekend meetings. Finally, an on-going monthly small group of couples gather for support and growth. If improving your marriage is important to you, reach out today. For more information about the Victoria August 2-4, 2019 Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

### **Week 7: June 29/30, 2019**

**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. It is a program that promotes forgiveness and healing. For more information about the Victoria August 2-4, 2019 Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

### **Week 8: July 6/7, 2019**

**Married Singles Lifestyle** –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For more information about the Victoria August 2-4, 2019 Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

### **Week 9: July 13/14, 2019**

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For more information about the Victoria August 2-4, 2019 Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

### **Week 10: July 20/21, 2019**

**Stress in Your Marriage?** – *There is one week left to signup for Retrouvaille.* **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For more information about the Victoria August 2-4, 2019 Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

**August 3/4, 2019**

This is **not** a bulletin announcement.

*Rather we are writing to ask you to pray for the couples on the Retrouvaille weekend at the Spiritual Renewal Center this weekend.*

**Prayer of the Faithful** – For the couples in our diocese that are attending the marriage healing Retrouvaille [*Retro-vī*] weekend, may God give these courageous couples the grace they need to work through their struggles with compassion and mercy and turn their marriages over to Him, we pray to the Lord.

If you have any questions, please email **John & Jenny Vincent** at **[jbviov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbviov@sbcglobal.net)** or call us at **361-580-2770**. Thank you for your support in getting the word out about this much needed ministry!