

Marriages for Mary is a retreat based marriage ministry, with its primary purpose to help bring renewal or new life to all married couples. The retreat offers talks/topics that aid in creating joy filled marriages. This ministry uses tangible tools to help couples overcome common struggles in married life and provides the opportunity for couples to work towards enriching their relationship. Marriages for Mary reaches out to all married couples and for couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage.



**Prayer for Married Couples**

Our Lady of the Eternal Light  
Come to our aid,  
shine the Light of your Son into our  
hearts,  
so that our love for one another will be-  
come a reflection of His Eternal Love.  
May His love radiate through our union  
as to become a visible sign of hope for  
marriage in this world.  
Amen!

**Registration Information**

Cost: \$225 per couple

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**Conception Hr. NL**

**August 17th-19th, 2012**

**Spiritual director:**

**Fr. Tim Devine CC**

## Fr. Tim Devine CC



Father Tim is a priest with the Companions of the Cross. He grew up in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. After three years at University of Waterloo, he entered the seminary in Ottawa at the age of 21. He was ordained on November 23, 2002, at the age of 28. For the past eight years, Fr. Tim has been ministering in the Ottawa, Ontario and Halifax,

Nova Scotia Archdioceses. Currently, he is the Pastor of St. Maurice's Parish in Ottawa. He is the first blind man to be ordained to the priesthood in Canada. With his only sibling, his brother Matthew, he has produced two CD's of original songs with a Catholic rock group called Critical Mass who played before the Pope and many people at the 2002 World Youth Days in Toronto. Most recently, Father Tim and Matthew have produced a CD under their last name, Devine, entitled *Not Ordinary*. In May 2004, they were interviewed and performed on EWTN's, *Life on the Rock*. Besides his ministry as a parish priest and writing and recording music, Father Tim enjoys giving parish missions in order to spread the mission of community, the Companions of the Cross, to contribute to Pope John Paul II's call to the "New Evangelization".

## Charles and Christine Labrosse

Charles and Christine Labrosse have been married for 24 years and are long-time parishioners of St. Mary's, actively involved in various ministries, such as marriage preparation, spiritual gifts seminar, choir and liturgical decorating. Christine and Charles first heard about the Theology of the Body in 2003 and found it to be a revelation that has transformed their marriage and their ministry. They believe that spreading the Good News of the Theology of the Body is part of the plan God has for their married life. For these past nine years Charles and Christine have been giving retreats and talks on the Theology of the Body to different groups from high school students, to young adults, engaged and married couples, in Ottawa, Houston, Texas, at York University in Toronto and to the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

## Gerard and Rita McCarthy



Gerard and Rita are two ordinary people that God has graced with extraordinary blessings. Residing in St. John's, NL, Canada, this couple lead ordinary lives, Gerard running a construction business and Rita, a special education teacher. This couple met at the young age of 14 and 15, and went on to marry 6 years later, on March 11th, 1988 (Friday at 3:00pm). Almighty God has

blessed them with one child, a son, Andrew Gerard, who is now 23 years old. This couple is a radical witness to the Almighty power of Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother. Through the powerful intercession of Our Lady, this couple has been lifted from the depths of despair and destruction and has been resurrected and restored to new life. God has implanted in them an earnest desire to spread the message of hope and the sacredness of the covenant of marriage. Founders of "Marriages for Mary", a retreat based ministry, offers the opportunity for couples to experience hope for renewal, restoration and joy filled marriages. Their hope is that married couples would come to know the beauty of this vocation and to become a visible and radiant sign of God's Love in this darkened world.

## Marguerite Broaders

Dr. Marguerite Broaders has been a member of CCR since 1977, shortly after her personal conversion to Christ. She served on the Newfoundland Service Committee from its formation in 1985 to 1991 as Secretary and Chairperson and on the Atlantic Service Committee from 1981 to 1990 and was on the executive of that committee from 1989 to 1990. She was a delegate to the 1989 International Leaders Conference in Rome. The theme of that conference was "Sent Forth by the Spirit". In 1990 she returned to university after 20 years and was accepted to medical school in 1994 and completed her MD in 1998 and her psychiatry residency in 2003. She is presently employed as a Consultation Liaison Psychiatrist at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital in St. John's, NL. She is a founding member of the Canadian Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine and a member of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. She is married to Retired RCMP S/Sgt Dominic Broaders M.O.M. since 1973. They have two daughters and a grandson. She is deeply grateful for the mercy of God in her life that has been the binding force for the almost 40 years of marriage.

## Retreat Schedule

### Friday, August 17

5:00-6:45 Meet and Greet/Registration  
7:00 Holy Mass  
8:00 Witness Talk:  
"How did we get from there to here?"  
By: Gerard and Rita McCarthy  
Conclude with "The Rosary"  
9:00 Mug Up and Bed Lunch  
Retire for the evening

### Saturday, August 18th

8:00-8:45 Breakfast  
9:00-10:30  
Talks—Spirituality of Marriages for Mary  
By Gerard and Rita McCarthy  
The Mystery of Oneness  
by Father Timothy Devine

Break 10:30-10:45

10:45-12:00 Theology of the Body  
Talk by Charles and Christine Labrosse  
12:00-1:00 Lunch  
1:00-2:15 Talks—Communication  
Talk by Charles and Christine Labrosse  
The Love Languages by Fr. Timothy Devine  
2:15-3:00 Free time  
(Father Tim, Gerard and Rita.....available to talk one on one with couples/ Father Tim available for Sacrament of Reconciliation)

3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:15- Forgiveness  
Talk by Marguerite Broaders  
Followed by a "candlelight dinner" ....a time to speak only words of affirmation to one another  
6:30-7:30 The Power of Praying Together  
Talk by Gerard and Rita McCarthy  
**Follow with Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament**  
8:30- Mug Up and Bed Lunch

### Sunday, August 19th

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Talk: Theology of the Body  
Talk by Charles and Christine Labrosse  
10:00 Talk: Now what? Talk by Fr. Timothy Devine  
11:30 Holy Mass  
**Renewal of Vows**  
1:00 Jigs Dinner.  
Followed by "A Time" (SHARING)