



# News Round-up Teams of Our Lady Irish Region May 2026



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Dear Teams Members and Friends,

Warm greetings in Christ and, for Pentecost, the special blessings of the Holy Spirit to you all.

We are delighted to share a roundup of news items, reflections, and key moments in the life of Teams of Our Lady in Ireland along with some ERI items during the months October 2025 to April 2026.

## October 2025 – A Time of Renewal and Mission



### Responsible Couple & Team Gathering Day – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Held in Avila Retreat Centre under the theme “*Return to the Source,*” this gathering brought together couples for a day of faith, renewal, and fraternity. As well as inspirational contributions from many of our Irish Teams Couples, we were blessed to hear from Paul and Annette (then Super-Regional Responsible Couple) and from Mercedes and Alberto (Responsible Couple of the Leading Team - ERI). Read [More](#)



### Letter from the New Regional Couple

A new chapter began with a reflection, from the new Irish Regional Couple, on vocation and mission. Couples were invited to reflect deeply on questions such as “*Who are we really?*” and “*Who are we for God?*” reminding us that the heart of our journey is rooted in love and service. Read [More](#)



### A Word from the Regional Chaplain

In his final message, the Regional Chaplain reflected on his time of service, highlighting growth, gratitude, and the importance of spiritual leadership within Teams. Read [More](#)

## Spirituality of the Annual Contribution



A thoughtful reflection by the Regional Treasurers, Paola and Paolo, exploring the dual nature of giving – both material and spiritual – emphasising generosity as part of the Teams journey. Read [More](#)

## November 2025 – International Connection



### Visit of TJ & Ellen Holt – Zone Couple

Ireland warmly welcomed the ERI Transoceanic Zone Couple during their visit “en- route” to Paris. Their presence strengthened ties with the wider Teams Movement and encouraged Teams in Ireland in its mission. Read [More](#)

### ERI Meeting in Paris

The International Responsible Team (ERI) gathered in Paris from November 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, for its first quarterly meeting of the academic year 2025/26 – days of prayer and commitment honouring the Benedictine motto: *pray and work*. Read [More](#)



## December 2025 – Advent, Incarnation & Intercessory Prayer



### Annual Mass: Today, Christ is dependent on us

On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm, the Dublin Sector of Teams of Our Lady gathered at St Vincent de Paul Church, Marino for a warm and grace-filled Annual Mass. Celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey, together with many concelebrating priests, the liturgy was a strong sign of the Church’s support for couple spirituality. Read [More](#)

### Intercessors’ Day of Continuous Prayer

The annual 24-hours of continuous intercessory prayer took place on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with our Region covering all 24 hours, some more than once – wonderful grace-filled achievement.



## December ERI Newsletter Highlights

Edith and Jérôme write “In a world where bonds are weakening, individualism is on the rise, and love is often wounded, Teams of Our Lady offers a prophetic path: to make each home a place of light, peace, and mission. Fr Augusto continues his reflection, begun in the September 2025 letter, on the presence, role, and importance of the Spiritual Counsellors and Advisors in teams. Read [More](#)

## January 2026

### Regional Couple Letter – New Year Reflection



A call to reflect on the question “*Who are we, really?*” invite us as couples, as widows or widowers, and spiritual counsellors / advisers to reflect on who you are as couples, widows, widowers, spiritual counsellors / advisers in Teams and who the Lord Jesus may be calling you to be, especially for others. Read [More](#)

### Prayer for Peace – Dublin Gathering – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026



Teams of Our Lady was well represented at the Prayer for Peace Service in St Bernadette’s Church, Clogher Road, Catholic Lay Associations, Movements and New Communities (including Teams of Our Lady). It was presided over by Bishop Donal Roche, with the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor also in attendance. It was a prayerful occasion and uplifting to see people of all ages gathering to pray for peace which is so urgently needed in our world. Read [More](#)

## February 2026



### International Marriage Week Initiatives

Teams across Ireland actively celebrated International Marriage Week (7<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> February) through various local initiatives, affirming the beauty and vocation of marriage and strengthening relationships within our communities. Read [More](#)

Navan Teams organised a special pilgrimage experience which brought members together in faith and reflection, continuing the spirit of International Marriage Week and deepening spiritual connection. Read [More](#)

## March 2026



### **Growing in Holiness Together: Annual Retreat Day**

Couples from Dublin, Mullingar, Galway and beyond gathered in Dalgan Park, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026, for a beautiful retreat day filled with prayer, fellowship, and reflection. The sunny spring setting added to a warm and welcoming atmosphere, especially for new couples who joined us for the day. Read [More](#)



### **Father Henri Caffarel declared Venerable**

A moment of great joy on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 for the worldwide Teams Movement: our founder, Servant of God, Father Henri Caffarel, has been declared *Venerable* by the Vatican. This marks an important step forward in his canonisation journey and is a cause for great celebration and prayerful gratitude. Read [More](#)

## April 2026



### **Easter Message 2026 from Regional Couple**

In the Easter 2026 message, Anne and Mark, the Regional Couple offer Easter blessings and spiritual encouragement to the community by drawing on the message of Philippians 2:9-11. Acknowledging those who may currently be experiencing times of suffering, grief, loneliness, or darkness, it is good to know that Jesus illuminated these depths through His death and glorious Resurrection. By surrendering to God with confident assurance, we will be raised up by Christ and filled with His lasting joy and peace. Read [More](#)



### **Marriage – A journey you don't have to walk alone**

Paola and Paolo Batoris share how grateful they are for the gift that Teams of Our Lady has been in their lives, and feel called to share their experience with any couple who might be searching for “something more” in their marriage. Read [More](#)



## Catholic Couples Date Night – Armagh – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Teams of Our Lady, in collaboration with Catholic Mothers Ireland, Marriage Encounter and Family Solidarity, organised a ‘Catholic Couples Date Night’ which took place on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm, in the Armagh City Hotel. It was an evening of connection, laughter, and faith for couples, encouraging strong relationships rooted in Christ.

### Upcoming events – Dates for your diary

May 24<sup>th</sup> – May Gathering: “Pentecost Come Holy Spirit”, St. Raphaela’s Convent, Stillorgan, A94 TP38 at 7pm

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual Outing

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Responsible Couple and Teams Gathering Day

### Reminder:

As each team prepares for its last meeting and annual review, please remember to:

- Make your annual donations, preferably by bank transfer to the Teams’ bank account, and
- Let Marie and PJ, the Register Couple, know who your next Responsible Couple is going to be and other changes, if any, to member’s details.

## We remember in prayer those who have died

**Maureen McMullan**, wife of Charles McMullan, Belfast Team 2

**Richard Duff**, brother of Martin Duff, Dublin Team 19

**Leonard Little**, member of Dublin Team 21

**Margaret Paiva De Alencar**, mother of Joanna, Dublin Team 37