

## Meet the Mission Team

**Priest** - Fr. Matthew Habiger is a Benedictine priest of St. Benedict's Abbey in the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas. Father has a doctorate in moral theology from the Catholic University of America. He has been a pastor (4 years), a Newman chaplain at the University of Kansas (4 years), and an assistant professor of theology and student chaplain (10 years) at Benedictine College. For ten years he proclaimed the Gospel of Life throughout the world while working with HLI. From much experience he knows the irreplaceable importance of good marriages and healthy families. God's plan for human life and love must be part of the new evangelization. The values of Humanae Vitae, Familiaris Consortio and Evangelium Vitae hold high priority in his teaching and priesthood.

**Physicians** - Physicians are becoming ever more important in establishing the credibility of NFP and helping couples with difficult fertility problems. It would be best to have a local physician lead the presenting team, but if this is not possible, one of the following doctors would be available.

Carlos Aldana, M.D. Mexico	Paul Hayes, M.D. Lincoln, NE
Paddy Jim Baggott, M.D. Los Angeles, CA	Eric Norton, M.D. Spartanburg, SC
Lorna Cvetkovich, M.D. Lincoln, NE	Ann-Marie Manning, M.D. Camp Hill, PA
Michael Dixon, M.D. St. Louis, MO	Gerry Sotomayor, M.D. Atlanta, GA
Jose Fernandez, M.D. Kissimmee, FL	Mark Stegman, M.D. St. Louis, MO
Martha Garza, M.D. San Antonio, TX	Gary Yarbrough, MD Parsons, KS

**Witness Couple** - A local married couple committed to living a noncontraceptive marriage will present their understanding of true marital intimacy. They will discuss the benefits of mutual support, cooperation and commitment in marriage which is enhanced by the practice of NFP.

For more information  
about scheduling a

## New Weekend Parish Mission

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## A New Weekend Parish Mission Addressing the Issue of Birth Control

HOPEFUL - INSPIRING - INFORMATIVE

A spiritual renewal sparking new  
interest in what it means to be a  
Catholic family today.

## Tell Me More About This Weekend Event

It is built on the Word of God preached during the Eucharistic Celebration. The Sunday afternoon seminar presents the theological, medical and practical truths underlying the Church's teaching on the unity of love and life in marriage. The consequences of contraception and sterilization are discussed and the remarkable new scientific methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) are presented in detail.

### How does the parish benefit?

Only when marriage and family life are restored to their rightful order will parish life thrive. Marriage and family crises are deep spiritual problems and only a spiritual response will effect change. Parishioners will be enlightened with the fullness of Christ's teaching on marriage, thereby bringing them new hope and confidence to live out the Gospel of Life and to share this within their families, parish and community.



A meeting with Pope John Paul II in Rome before a major Eastern European Pro-Life Conference in Bratislava, Slovakia, in 1992. I had the privilege of concelebrating Mass with the Holy Father that morning.

## Specific Details About the New Weekend Parish Mission

### Saturday and Sunday Masses:

Fr. Habiger will preach at all weekend Masses on contraception and Natural Family Planning. In his homily he will incorporate the Sunday Liturgy and draw upon relevant Church documents such as *Humanae Vitae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, *Veritatis Splendor* and *Evangelium Vitae*.

### Sunday Afternoon Seminar:

This informative session will include:

- A professional slide presentation by a board certified physician or NFP practitioner.
- The theology of the unitive and procreative aspects of sexuality explained by Father Habiger.
- Personal witness by a local couple who has experienced the enrichment of Natural Family Planning in their own marriage.
- Question and answer time.
- A parish social and personal discussion time with presenters usually follow the seminar.
- A Holy Hour and an opportunity for Confessions upon request.

## Testimonials

■ "...we wish to encourage your work in communion with the Bishops and in cooperation with the local Pastors. Yours is a mission that endeavors to educate couples and in particular women in the right use of their freedom and their faithfulness to the Church's Teachings. Yours is a seedling for the future, but one that bears fruit in its time. May the Lord reward you and your collaborators for your apostolic zeal!"

Alfonso Cardinal Lopez Trujillo  
President - Pontifical Council For the Family

■ "...Father Habiger...May the Lord continue to bless your beautiful ministry!"

Most Rev. Victor Galcone  
Bishop of St. Augustine, FL

■ "Father Matthew: Thank you for your excellent work. I am pleased with the reports I have received (on your NFP Weekend at Hermiston, OR, 24-6 Jan 03). We have a very long way to go, but if we persevere, God's way will prevail."

Most Rev. Robert Francis Vasa  
Bishop of Baker, OR

■ "Father Matthew, Our parish has benefited greatly from your presence and preaching. May God bless all your ministry as we walk with Christ through Lent."

Father Mike Mullen, Pastor  
St. Patrick's Church  
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