



# Celebration of Team Commitment



## Pledges of Team Commitment

Leading Couple: Dear Friends, in a Team of Our Lady we find support in many ways to search for Christ as couples, and recognize and love Him at work between us and in our family. We are so very pleased how you have studied these ways that a Team practices, and now invite you to pledge yourselves to each other and, for the sake of Christ, to these practices.

Leading Couple: Will you strive to bond in friendship as a Team, celebrating each other's lives, journeying and witnessing together in faith, and assisting each other through difficulties?

**All Team Members: We will.**

Leading Couple: Will you treasure your Team Meetings, with their format, elements, and values of hospitality, simplicity, and confidence, as you learned them?

**All Team Members: We will.**

Leading Couple: Will you keep faith with your Endeavours to fuel your search for Christ, and unfold the fullness of your calling as couples?

**All Team Members: We will.**

Leading Couple: Will you undertake to study together the faith we profess, to enlarge your joy and perfect your love?

**All Team Members: We will.**

Leading Couple: Are you ready to engage with the wider Teams Movement, especially by helping other couples discover and benefit from Teams of Our Lady as you yourselves do?

**All Team Members: We will.**

Leading Couple: Will you take Mary for your patron and model, who best knew Christ and most perfectly followed Him?

**All Team Members: We will.**

## Team Prayers of Intention

Responsible Couple: Lord Father Almighty, we want to grow in our love for you:

**All Team Members: Lord, help us, we pray.**

Responsible Couple: Lord Christ, we want to grow in our love for one another:

**All Team Members: Lord, help us, we pray.**

Responsible Couple: Lord Holy Spirit, we want to understand our vocation of marriage:

**All Team Members: Lord, help us, we pray.**



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Responsible Couple: Lord Holy Trinity, let the love in our marriage be light for others:

**All Team Members: Lord, help us, we pray.**

### Concluding Prayer of Commission

Leading Couple: Dear Friends, you have spoken your resolve as a Team of Our Lady to help each other know Christ, and so shine with all God gives to humankind in marriage. Praying God to approve and sustain you in your intent, I offer you these words of Our Saviour as your commission:

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.”

And so, in the words of Isaiah, “Arise, shine out, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”

**All Team Members: Thanks be to God.**

Leading Couple: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**All Team Members: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

#### Notes

This is a suggested form of text for any occasion when a Team or group of Teams is making or renewing their commitment to each other and the Movement, for example, at the conclusion of Piloting, or at the start of a Teams Year.

The designated role of “Leading Couple” can be reassigned as suits the circumstance, and different couples or individuals can assume that role for different parts of the text. The role of “Leading Couple” could be exercised by Regional, Sector, or Piloting Couple, or even, in the case of the Concluding Prayer, the Team Spiritual Counsellor.



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## Key Elements of a Team Commitment Text

Key elements of a Team Commitment are:

- Faithfulness to monthly Team Meetings, and to the format and agenda elements of these meetings, established since the Movement's founding and espoused across its breadth
- Hospitality toward each other, and also toward other Teams Members and Couples met through belonging to the Movement
- A spirit of Christ-centered and Christ-focused simplicity in the conduct of Team Meetings, especially in relation to preparing and sharing the meal
- Confidentiality about what is shared within the Team Meetings
- Fidelity to the Endeavours
- Fidelity to Spiritual Study to enrich and deepen faith
- Readiness to engage with and contribute to the Teams Movement beyond one's own Team, and participate in expansion of the Movement