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Dear Friends,

We in the Diocese of Wichita are exceedingly blessed. On March 19, 2015, the feast of St. Joseph, Bishop Kemme promulgated a new marriage preparation policy. This new policy places NFP as a high priority for engaged couples. Couples seeking the sacrament of marriage are asked to seek NFP instruction six months prior to their wedding. In doing so, they can enter their marriage fully prepared to make God guided decisions regarding their family-to-be. Given this formal encouragement from our bishop, the number of clients seeking NFP instruction is anticipated to increase in the years to come.

As clients of the Family of the Americas' (FAF) Ovulation Method, you are among the first to be invited to discern if you are being called to assist couples in learning this beautiful lifestyle of NFP. Our culture is becoming ever more hostile towards authentic love between husband and wife. More witnesses are needed to continue and grow this ministry in order to reach those preparing for marriage. They will need the armor of truth in order to resist the lures and lies of our culture toward selfishness and self-satisfaction with the illusion of having no consequences. Speaking from 12 years of teaching experience, I can tell you that the rewards of working with couples to lead them into a Godly relationship far exceed the personal sacrifices required.

An FAF Ovulation Method teacher training is scheduled in Wichita at the Spiritual Life Center from Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30, 2015 for both English and Spanish speaking teachers. During this time candidates will receive the education needed to begin the process of becoming teachers of the FAF Ovulation Method. Also included, following the training, will be a testing phase as well as a supervised practicum. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to this ministry. Mercedes Wilson, founder of FAF, is planning to be present at the training. She will bring an incredible richness to the training and is a phenomenal inspiration for new teachers to proclaim the natural beauty of what St. John Paul II called the Theology of the Body.

If you have questions or feel you are called to this ministry, please contact me. I would love to hear from you!

Sincerely in Christ,

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"... While these are challenging times, they are also teachable moments. I believe now more than ever, the opportunity to explain the Church's teachings about contraception, sterilization and IVF is essential. It's about building relationships and strengthening families." Judith Leonard, FAF International Trainer/Consultant