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Education

1976, BS Chem. Eng., University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.
1980, MBA, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

Awards

Couple to Couple League: **Konald A. Prem Award**
3M—Pollution Prevention Pays Award

Positions Held

Present—April 2008

Founder, Fortifying Families of Faith, LLC

- This company was founded to fortify families, marriages, and parents faithfully and seriously through seminars, webinars, and in class instruction.
- FFF has begun to train leaders willing to present **Training the Trainers** in their locality.
- See next page for complete listing of our publications.
- To date, we have conducted over 7 parent retreats in Spanish; and one in English.
- Several parishes have purchased our curriculums—including one in Texas.
- Have an online store; approximately 5 bookstores around the region carry our books.
- Daughters Forever, Sons Forever and Black and White have been granted the Imprimatur

April 2003—May 2011

Chairman, Board of Directors (four terms) ; Couple to Couple League for Natural Family Planning

During this ten year time frame I helped initiate the following improvements:

- Successfully transitioned CCL from a Founder-led organization to one with a strong, independent board.
- Initiated two five year strategic planning processes during which we changed the focus of the League to emphasize *getting it right* in the US first.
- Challenged teachers to be the best they can be; revamped the teacher training program and the teacher materials.
- Launched updated and revised course materials in 2005-2008.
- Switched in class morality arguments from Covenant language to Theology of Body.
- Created and reworked all of our major CCL Directives including a complete rewrite of all statutory documents.
- Created employee manual and volunteer handbook
- Worked to assure the League long term health with regard to copyrights; culminated with a settlement agreement.
- Encouraged budgetary decisions to reflect strategic plans.
- Improved content and productivity of BOD meetings.
- Launched rotating meetings to meet with local ordinaries and volunteers.
- Developed and deployed improved business accounts receivable and class registrations (created online registrations).

June 2001—May, 2011

Couple to Couple League for Natural Family Planning

Board of Directors position for the League

Present—1979

Couple to Couple League for Natural Family Planning

Volunteer Teaching Couple

Dave and I have taught more than 1200 couples the STM of NFP.

1976-1979

3M Company

Process Engineer—responsible for scale up and the manufacturing of fine chemicals and pharmaceuticals. “Retired” to stay home with first born child.

Positions Held (continued)

1980—1981

3M Company

Prepared IMSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) for 3M products and interim products.

1997—2007

St. Agnes High School

Organized & designed this seminar for high school students and parents; named the program “Daughters Forever, Sons Forever”.

Publications

1. Linda Kracht, “Imagining the Possible”, *Family Foundations*, (Couple to Couple League); May 2003—Present (bi-monthly articles for membership).
2. Linda Kracht, *The Art of Breastfeeding*, Couple to Couple League, 2008.
3. Linda Kracht, *Daughters Forever, Sons Forever*, Fortifying Families of Faith, 2008. This curriculum for families includes mothers, fathers, daughters, sons workbooks and the CD/DVD set of 8 presentations. The curriculum has been granted the Imprimatur, 2010 by Archbishop John C. Neinstadt. The works have recently been translated and published in Spanish: *Hijas Para Siempre, Hijos Para Siempre*.
4. Linda Kracht, *Black and White*, Fortifying Families of Faith, 2010. This publication also has a companion Teachers Guide. This book s has also been granted the Imprimatur, 2010. by Archbishop John C. Neinstadt.
5. Linda Kracht, *A Book for All Seasons*, Fortifying Families of Faith, 2011
6. Linda Kracht, *Surviving College*, Fortifying Families of Faith, 2011 (April)
7. Blog: <http://fortifyingfamiliesoffaith.blogspot.com/>
8. Website: www.fortifyingfamiliesoffaith.com
9. Linda Kracht, “*Training the Trainers*”, Fortifying Families of Faith, 2010.

Conference Presentations

1. Asheville, NC ; **Couple to Couple League Convention 2008**
“The Art of Breastfeeding” & “Daughters Forever, Sons Forever” presentations.
2. **NACFLM (National Conference of Catholic Family Life Ministries) 2009 & 2010**
2009 Conference in St. Paul, MN; 2010 Conference held in Cincinnati, Ohio; “Daughters Forever Sons Forever”
3. **St. Paul, MN; The MN Home School Conferences 2009 & 2010**
“Daughters Forever Sons Forever”
4. **Green Lake, WI; Couple to Couple League Convention 2010**
“The Art of Breastfeeding”
5. **Chicago, Ill; Raices y Alas Conference** (National Hispanic Catholic Family Life Ministries) 2010
Exhibitor
6. **University of St. Thomas , Prolife Club**, “The Good News about Natural Family Planning” —a Four Part Mini-series, 2010.

References

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