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(A SEPARATE REPORTING FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PROGRAM CATEGORY.)

**CATEGORY (MARK ONE):**     **CHURCH**                       **FAMILY**  
    **COMMUNITY**                       **CULTURE OF LIFE**  
    **COUNCIL**                               **YOUTH**

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**COUNCIL NAME** Vicksburg                      **NUMBER:** 898

**LOCATION:** Vicksburg    MS  
(TOWN OR CITY)    (STATE OR PROVINCE)

**Project Title:** Beatitudes Marriage Enrichment Program

**Date Project Conducted:** 02/15/2018

**Purpose of Activity:** (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

Improve communication between couples and provide tools to married couples to strengthen their marriages

**Number of council members participating in project:** ..... 7

**Percentage of council members participating in project:** ..... 2 %

**Number of man hours expended in project:** ..... 80

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**Describe project in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD'S, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.**

The program "The Beatitudes: A Couples Path to Greater Joy," is Catholic based marriage enrichment program based on the Beatitudes presented in Matthew during Jesus sermon on the mount. The council decided to offer this 6 week program to be a Lenten exercise to strengthen marriages. The weekly sessions were comprised of an opening prayer and reflection topic followed by a short video and discussion after the video. The couples were given a handout to discuss during the week. The program also used the book "Blessed is Marriage: A Guide to the Beatitudes for Catholic Couples," by John Bosio. Each weekly session referred to specific chapters in the book based on one or more of the Beatitudes. The topic for week 1 was "Your Marriage is a call to Holiness" and explored Blessed are the poor in Spirit. For week 2, the topic was "Your Marriage is a Dance" based on the Blessed are those who mourn and those who are persecuted for righteousness. The third week's topic was "Your Marriage is a Three Legged Race" discussing Blessed are the meek and the peacemakers, also touching on the need for forgiveness in a marriage. The fourth topic was "Your marriage is a treasure." That week we discussed "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" focusing on doing what is right in a couples married life. The topic for week 5 was "Your Marriage is your Home." That session revolved around "Blessed are the merciful" looking at works of mercy in a marriage. The final topic was "Your Marriage is a celebration of Life," exploring "Blessed are the pure in heart" in relation to the role of parents as co-creators with God.

Each week 6-10 couples attended sessions at the council home. This was the second marriage enrichment program presented by the council. Several couples inquired if the council would do another program after the first program. Prior to starting this program, the council chaplain reviewed the program and approved it.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State Deputy)

Signed: Van Stewart M.  
(Grand Knight)

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*1 Couples watching the Beatitudess video*

# *The Beatitudes* *A Couple's Path to Greater Joy*

*Make your marriage your  
Lenten Project*

- *Have a date with your Spouse*
- *Watch A short video*
- *Receive a handout with a discussion topic*
- *Relax and Have fun*

*When : Thursday Nights starting on  
February 15th 7:00 pm*

*Where: KL Hall*

*For More Info contact Charles Hahn 601-  
831-1057*

