

The Renewal of Love Makes Marriage Work

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Climbing divorce rates, continual stresses from social and economic forces of change, and alternative lifestyles have raised questions in many circles about the viability of the family in the future of this society. Some have predicted the death of the family. But as Michael Novak, theological essayist, has written, "Choosing family life today is an act of courage and intelligence... marriage and family still express our highest moral ideals."

We salute you for your courage and intelligence, and most of all for your desire to make a commitment to each other, to God and to the Church in an age where such promises are seen as unnecessary, passe. We know the love you have for each other — so vibrant and alive now — is a cherished possession. We also know, as you must, that after the honeymoon that love will need to be constantly nourished and reaffirmed because it will be tested.

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Finally, know that the Church is always ready to support you, and to accept your support. There are programs in many parishes and throughout the diocese to help you discover how to live the sacrament you will celebrate soon. We want to

be a source of inspiration, hope encouragement and healing for you when you need it. We also want you to share with us the freshness and excitement of your marriage. You can be inspirational for so many couples who may have lost some of the glow you radiate.

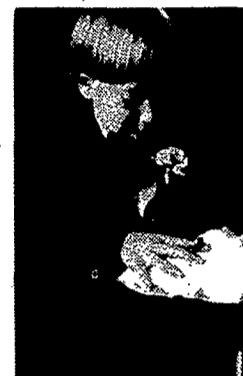
So keep in touch, for our sake and yours. Become involved from the beginning in your parish. Learn about programs offered by the Family Life Office at (716) 436-5450.

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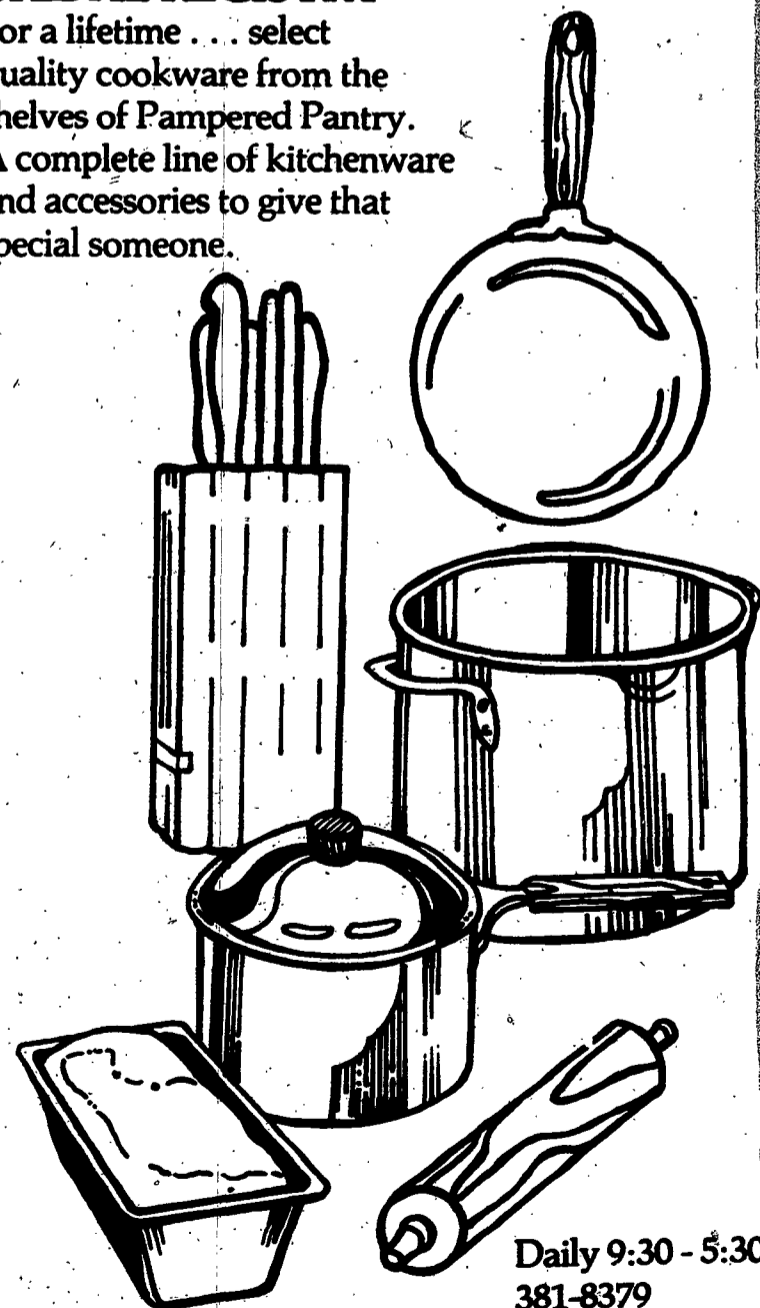
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