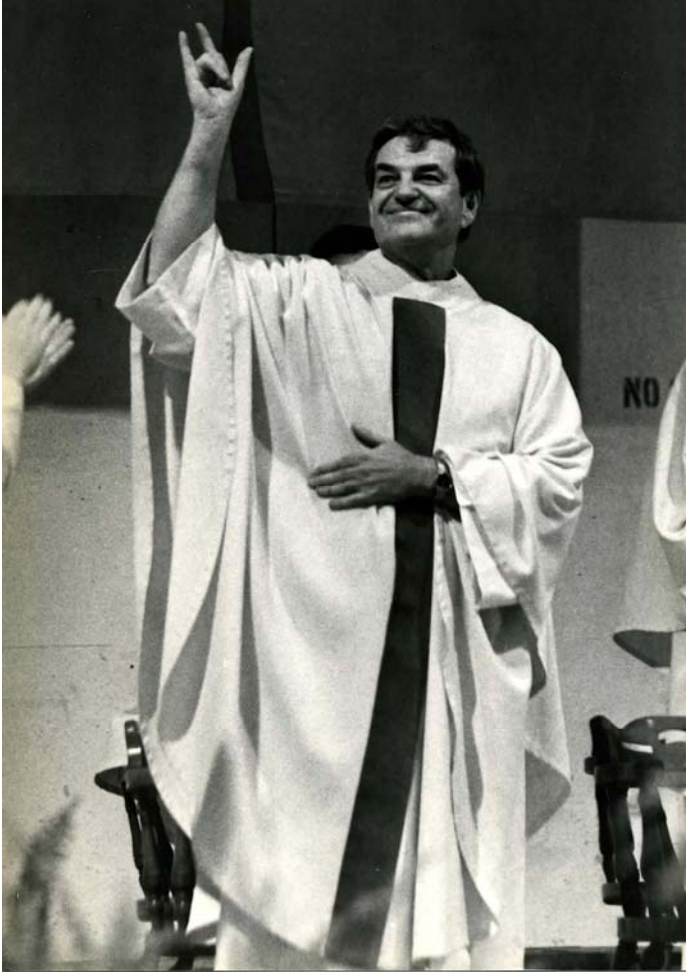


Rev Charles A. Gallagher, S.J.
“Father Chuck”



18 August 1927
21 July 2013

Rev. Charles (Chuck) Gallagher S.J.

Entered the Society of Jesus July 30, 1945

Ordained to the priesthood June 21, 1958

Fr. Chuck was a compelling and prophetic voice in the Catholic Church for the Sacrament of Matrimony and the joy of the incarnation for over five decades. He was the originator and driving force behind the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement that became a force of renewal in the church during the 1960's and 1970's changing the lives of millions of couples and priests while spreading to all 50 states and around the world to 56 foreign countries. A man of vision and relentless passion, Fr. Chuck shared his knowledge and experience of the gifts of the Catholic Church to inspire couples to live the Sacrament of Matrimony to it's fullest potential. His work has had a lasting impact on the Church's understanding of what matrimony is intended to reveal to the world as well as a legacy of significant leadership training and empowerment of the laity.

Fr. Chuck was also the originator and author of Engaged Encounter, the Parish Renewal Experience (PREX or Called to be Catholic), and the Parishioner Empowerment weekends. He personally trained over 6,000 priests and 45 Bishops in the United States and more than 1,000 priests in other countries to give the parish renewal weekend in their parishes. Applying everything he had learned from the witness of loving couples to the experience of being the Body of Christ, Father Chuck created a parish based retreat that released a joyful sense of belonging and identity as Catholics. The Parish Renewal Experience became a major evangelization movement in the United States reaching over 1 million parishioners but also reached Ireland, England, and Australia. PREX continues to spread rapidly to this day in the Philippines.

In addition, Fr. Chuck was the founder and executive director of the Marriage Encounter Resource community which later became the Pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal Center, a global network of specially trained couples and priests who helped Fr. Chuck to produce dozens of powerful, parish based programs and retreat workshops including Evenings for the Engaged, Barnabas for singles, Celebrate Love, Living in Love, and Preparing to Live in Love. To help couples experience the presence of God in their intrinsically sexual conjugal love as a revelation and manifestation of Christ's love for the church, he authored 10 major books and over 50 booklets. As early as 1975, he began to explore with couples the concept of the language of the body that was later so clearly articulated by Pope John Paul II in what is now known as the Theology of the Body. Fr. Chuck's seminal book "One Flesh" published in 1980 holds up the Sacrament of Matrimony as the living sign that reveals the church to itself.

A brilliant Jesuit who was at once keenly insightful and disarmingly relevant, Fr. Chuck was an extraordinary public speaker whose warmth and humor captivated, thrilled, and roused audiences of tens of thousands, yet he was most at home in living rooms with the everyday Catholic families to whom he gave his life and to whom his only desire was to bring the Father's joy.

Lord, teach me to be generous,
Teach me to serve you as you deserve
To give and not to count the cost
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to ask for reward,
Save that of knowing that I do your will.

St Ignatius of Loyola

Rev Charles (Chuck) Gallagher, S.J.

Education:

Regis High School, New York City 1945

BA Loyola University, Chicago 1951

PHL West Baden, Indiana 1952

STL Woodstock College 1959

Ministry:

Teacher, Coach Canisius High School, Buffalo, NY
1952-1955

Assistant Headmaster Xavier High School, New York
NY 1956-1961

Youth Retreat Master 1962-1968

Christian Family Movement Chaplain 1967-1968

Executive Priest Worldwide Marriage Encounter 1968-
1974

Executive Director Marriage Encounter Resource
Community 1974-1982

Executive Director Pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal
Center 1982-2000

Programs and Publications

Rev Charles (Chuck) Gallagher, S.J.

Major Books authored or co-authored:

1. One Flesh
2. The Celibacy Myth
3. Sex is Holy
4. Embodied in Love
5. Sexual Healing in Marriage
6. Good News for Married Lovers
7. The Marriage Encounter
8. Love is a Couple
9. Love takes Greatness
10. Prayer, Saints, Scripture and Ourselves
11. Parents are Lovers
12. Hurrah for Parents
13. Call to Healing
14. How to Bring Up Children Today
15. Extended Catholic Family

Major Conversion/Empowerment Retreat Workshops
(chronological order):

1. Boys Youth Retreat
2. Marriage Encounter
3. Engaged Encounter
4. Parish Renewal Experience (Called to be catholic or PREX)
5. Priest Training 4 day Retreat
6. Parishioner Empowerment Weekend
7. Parish Healing weekend
8. Barnabas Retreat
9. Celebrate love/Living in Love

Parish Based Programs;

1. Evenings for the Engaged
2. Evenings for Couples
3. Evenings for Parents, and More Evening for Parents
4. Matrimony, Jesus Invites us to Love (for teens)
5. We the Parish
6. Barnabas (for singles)
7. Luke 18 (for Junior High)
8. Parish Family weekend
9. Calling Disciples
10. Evenings of joy and inspiration for parish leaders
11. Preparing to Live in Love
12. Living in Love Every Day

Booklets:

1. Celebrate Love Series (24 booklets)
2. Mission and Ministry series (3 booklets)
3. The Use of Charisms in the Parish
4. Touching the body of Christ
5. Being the Body of Christ
6. Beatitudes for the Very Married
7. Guide for Healers
8. Prayer Movement :The Vision and the Dream

Videos:

John 17
Sexy – Saint or Sinner
Sexuality and Spirituality
It's A Matter of Conscience
Life is Gift
Before I Say I Do
Back to Family

Christmas Gifts
Do Catholics Make A Difference?
Lay or Laid Back
Bringing Up Parents
Gallagher Challenge Series
 Sexuality
 Parenting
 Lifestyles
Parents
Helping Young People Get Ready for marriage
Marriage and Scripture

Audio Tapes:

47 Separate Tapes including:
 Healthy Family/Healthy Church
 Back to the Family
 Celibacy
 Sacrament of Matrimony
 What the Church Needs Now
 Examination for Priests
 Thoughts in the Lord
 Parenting for Catholics
 Family Identity
 Couples Are Important
 The Church Is Us
 Practical Ways to Love
 Celebrating At Home
 Marriage, A Wow Vocation
 Let's Talk About Sex
 Matrimony IS A Sexual Sacrament
 We Are Men Of Jesus Christ
 Call to Intimacy (4 tapes)
 Difficulties of Being Catholic
 We Need One Another
 Parents Make A Difference
 Formation of A Catholic Conscience



Enjoy!

Priest of Jesus Christ - say this mass as if it were the first mass you have ever said;

Priest of Jesus Christ – say this mass as if it were the last mass you would ever say;

Priest of Jesus Christ – say this mass as if it were the only mass you would ever say.

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam