

Our Love Connection



From our Ecclesial Team

Dear Loving WWME Community,

Your M.E.Q. is the way you share your couple love with those around you!

Could it really be October already? It must be, the calendar doesn't lie. September was birthday month in our home, David & our son Tony, both celebrated their special days together. We also celebrated World Priest Day on Sept. 17th at St. Columban's with the WWME Community. Many thanks to the Macomb Zone who hosted this wonderful dinner to show WWME's appreciation to our priests for all they do for us through their ministry of the priesthood. The dinner was a delicious pot-luck, and Ron & Pat Anderson gave a wonderful tribute to the priests who were in attendance. Bob & Barb Sheldrick provide beautiful music before and after the meal. In true WWME style, no one went home hungry. Thank you again, to the host committee from the Macomb Zone who worked together to make this day a success.

It is always fun to spend time with the WWME Community. If you missed this event there are more Community events in the next few months. In October, the Oakland Zone will host the Day of Romance. In November, the Macomb Zone will host Community Night. The Wayne Zone will be the hosts for the Little Christmas dinner/ dance in January. Look for details on these up coming events elsewhere in the Newsletter and make plans to join the Community for some great times. We look forward to seeing you!

September, also gave the 3 of us a chance to present a WWME Weekend together. As part of our preparation for that W/E we took sometime to reflect on what our "original" Weekend gave us, and what we hoped for the couples attending the September W/E.

I (David) remember learning a new and better way of communicating with the one I love. My wish for these

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WEEKEND DATES

2006

♥ November 10-12

2007

♥ Feb 16-18

♥ Mar 16-18

From Our Ecclesial Team, continued....

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couples is to form a better understanding of themselves, improve their couple relationship, and strengthen their relationship with God.

I feel eager about my answer as the Weekend approaches. My feeling is similar to how I feel just before I open a special present. It is similar to starting a new year in school with different classmates. My feeling is a solid 7 on a scale of 1 to 10. I feel this way when we are alone together on a picnic.

I (Jane) recall, like it was just yesterday, that our WWME W/E gave me/us, a new found way to communicate with each other through listening, sharing and trusting. My hope for these special couples is that they too will leave Sunday afternoon, more in love than they ever have been. I pray that they will embrace the gift of dialogue and take it home and continue to live the Weekend for many

years to come.

I feel hopeful. It's like a child waiting for Christmas morning to see if that special gift they've dreamed about would become a reality. It is about a 9 on a scale of 1 to 10. The taste would be the perfect Thanksgiving meal. My hopeful feeling is seeing a long prayed for prayer being answered.

I (Fr. Edmond) remember my "original" WWME W/E helping me to know that the Sacrament of Holy Orders was God's will for me. I pray that W/E helps the couples see that the sacrament they are in together, is God's will for them.

This gives me a feeling of wonder and awe. It's like watching the sun set on a beautiful lake. Wonder and awe, like a couple holding their new born child. The smell is bread baking in the oven. The taste is ice cream on a hot day.

I can still remember the ef-

fect the weekend had on me, even though it was 30 years ago. Thank you for this moment and memory.

Don't forget the Inviting challenge for this year! How many couples has your WEDS group invited that have also attended a WWME Weekend.? (They can be couples who are attending for the 1st time or as a relationship refresher!) The winning group will be presented a special basket at the Little Christmas Dinner Dance.

As always PRAY for the couples on Weekends everywhere, and PLEASE KEEP ON INVITING!! Don't keep the Dream of the weekend to yourselves!

We're going places with God in the driver's seat!

Love,
David & Jane and
Fr. Edmond DesForges, OFM Conv

Canton Kissers

Due to very busy schedules the Canton Kissers took the summer off from meetings. We did however have a family picnic hosted by Tom and Laura Baptist the last Saturday of August. It was good to get people together and get reacquainted.

As of this writing, the Canton Kissers are planning to have a meetings on September 23rd, hosted by John and Laura Cavicchio. In October, we will be meeting at Mark and Sabine Vogel's home on the 14th and Tom and Laura Bap-

tist's home on the 28th. Lastly we have a meeting scheduled for November 11th at Mickey and Bernie Tucker's home. Locations of meetings are subject to change. Give us a call and we will be happy to tell you where we are meeting. If you are looking for a vibrant WEDS group, the Canton Kissers is always open for new couples. We meet on Saturdays and try to have two meetings per month. Call **Tom and Laura Baptist on 734-453-1533** with any questions.

Have you attended Post Encounter? If not (or if it's been awhile) then why not give it a try?

There is a post group starting after every weekend. Usually there are 4 sessions starting a week after the weekend. Often it's on Sunday afternoon or evening.

Have your weekend memories started to fade? Is the commitment you made to each other on the weekend to really give dialogue and your relationship a boost starting to be just a distant memory?

Call **Rick and Miriam Mikulak** to find out the details of a post group that will fit your needs.
313-563-4079 mikulak@sbcglobal.net

The next group will be starting up after the November weekend.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW, SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT.

***Believe in the Power of Prayer?
Pray for others-join us!
Prayer Request?
Send to Scott & Mary at ismelarsen@comcast.net
(which is their new email address—
and now is listed in the Detroit Area info—p. 9)***

Newsletter—Print for a Price or Online for Free

For Online Subscription—you will receive an email through the community email list—notifying you that the most current newsletter has been put on our website—www.rc.net/detroit/wwme. You can then access it online—or print it out for future reference at home.

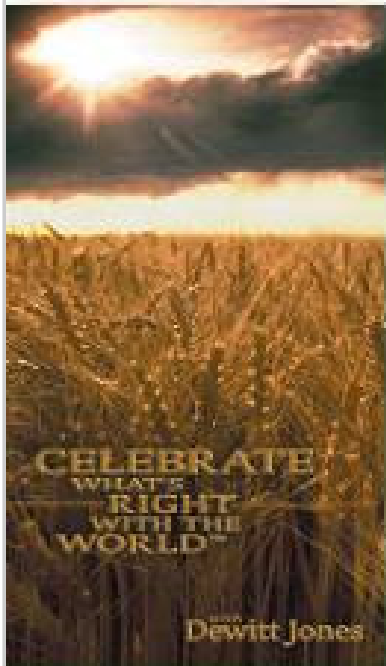
For New Couples—we send the newsletter to couples fresh off the weekend for 3 months at no charge, which is why we ask for donations to help defray this cost.

General Information—The newsletter is sent out 10 times a year; monthly except Jul/Aug and Dec/Jan.

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Mail your choice (and check if applicable)to: Mike and Kim Potter, 59100 Topping Ct., New Hudson, MI 48165	
Questions? call 248-446-0915 or email byrdshot@ameritech.net	



Come and Celebrate
What's Right With
The World

We have a wonderful evening planned, featuring a video presentation by Dewitt Jones. He is one of America's top professional photographers and has spent his twenty-year career with National Geographic. The video focuses on the gift of God's beautiful creation, the ordinary made extraordinary, when seen from a different perspective. Stunning photography and powerful dialogue also help us see how we can approach our lives with celebration, confidence and grace.

Macomb Zone Community Night
November 18, 2006
at St. Rene Goupil on
35955 Ryan Road
(North of 15 Mile on the west side of Ryan)

Hugs - 7:15 P.M.
Presentation - 7:30 P.M.

**Any questions contact:
Ron and Pat Anderson at: thecityhouse@comcast.net



Day of Romance

Please join us for an exciting day of marriage enrichment
with an insight to Pope John Paul II's
'THEOLOGY OF THE BODY'



WE WILL BE DISCOVERING GOD'S GLORIOUS PLAN FOR LIFE
AND A MOST BEAUTIFUL LOVE STORY

This seminar given by Christopher West on DVD introduces and explains Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The presentation will cover God's original plan for marriage and sexuality and provide an understanding of this plan and how it gives profound meaning to all our lives – married and consecrated celibates.

Saturday, October 21, 2006 9:00am – 4:00pm
St. Michael's Catholic Church,
25225 Code Road, Southfield, MI
Hosted by Oakland County Zone

The day will consist of a continental breakfast, prayer, viewing of the Christopher West DVD, a study guide, facilitated discussions by Lindsey & Kelly Luttinen, 10-n-10, a catered lunch and beverages. The cost is \$40 per couple. Space is limited to 50 couples, please RSVP early! This program is open to all WWME, National Marriage Encounter & Retrouvaille encountered couples. Please bring a pre-packaged snack to share. (Due to regulations of our facility and the state health department, all snacks must be pre-packaged or store bought. Sorry, no homemade goodies!)

Registration & Continental Breakfast 8:30 - 9:00am
Presentation & Discussions 9:00am – 4:00pm
Catered Lunch 12:00 - 1:00pm
Mass following Day of Romance 4:30pm

To RSVP, please make check out to "Marriage Encounter" and complete the following form. Mail to Scott & Mary Larsen, 3652 Barberry Circle, Wixom, MI 48393 by **October 10, 2006**.

Questions? Call 248-669-9535 or email ismelarsen@comcast.net

Day of Romance 2006 Registration Form

Name of Couple: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Welcome New Couples

We welcome from the September Weekend:

Bill Alt & Angie Moloney—Salem, WV

Rick & Gaye Armstrong—Waterford

Peter & Elizabeth Galuszka—Livonia

Robert & Shirley Ghena—Taylor

Steve & Erica Gilbert—Dearborn

Gerard & Ann Marie Gorman—Columbia Station, OH

Tony & Chris Hansen—Redford

Tom & Kerry Hewson—St Clair Shores

Joe & Maureen Horan—Mount Pleasant

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John & Cheryl Luster—Detroit

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Tolo & Liz Vallespir—Northville

Mike & Lori Volante—Roseville

Greg & Lori Zerber—Walled Lake

And our thanks to the Team:

Fr. Edmond DesForges, OFM Conv

Mike and Kim Potter

David and Jane Dewald

Chris and Renee Pall

Dan and Debbie Waring (Post Encounter)

2008 Calendar Pix Needed

In a message dated 9/19/06 Tony & Cathy Witczak wrote:

Dear ME couples,

Would you like to see your picture in the 2008 ME calendar?

Our theme for 2008 is Passion. To tie this in with the 40th Anniversary of Marriage Encounter, we are asking couples to send us two pictures. The first picture should be a romantic or passionate shot from the early years of your marriage. It could be a wedding picture, a honeymoon picture, or a picture from a milestone such as the two of you holding your first child or admiring your first home. Keep the idea of passion in mind: we want pictures that show emotional highs in your marriage.

The second picture should be a 'now' shot. It might be a picture of you surrounded by kids and grandkids, enjoying the reward of a long marriage. Perhaps a picture from a second honeymoon, a renewal of wedding vows, or the two of you enjoying an activity you're passionate about. It

should be a picture that expresses what you as a couple are passionate about...each other, your marriage, your family, your faith, a shared hobby.

ALSO, if you have any pictures in your archives reflecting the 40 year journey of WWME that might be great in an anniversary calendar, please send them as well.

We would love the pictures to be close-ups so that we can see faces. Also remember we can't use anything with a copyright on it. Pictures can be emailed to Sandee at sandee@cinci.rr.com, or they can be mailed to Sandee and David McAlpine, 514 Duane Drive, Mason, Ohio 45040. If you are sending us standard photos, please send us copies, not the originals. We will try to return anything sent to us, but old pictures are treasures so please make copies. Finally, please include names, marriage date, Encounter date, and contact information.

Deadline is December 1st, 2006.

With thanks from the 2008 Calendar Committee



2007 WWME

Little Christmas Dinner Dance

Join us for a night of Fellowship, Fun, Food and Dancing on:
Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 7:00 pm

TUCCI'S RISTORANTE
5633 ALLEN ROAD, (ALLEN & SOUTHFIELD)
Allen Park, MI 48101

**Italian food , beer, wine & soft drinks
followed by D.J. and Dancing**

Cost:\$55.00 per couple before Dec.1st /
\$65.00 per couple after Dec.1st (Priests Free)

We welcome all Encountered Couples, Priests,
Widows/Widowers from: WWME, NME, & Retrou-
ville

MAIL this form along with a check made out to *Worldwide Marriage Encounter* to:
Tom & Laura Baptist -WWME, 7426 Emerson Dr., Canton, MI 48187,
For more information: Dan & Joyce Hurley 313-388-4441 joyceanddan@hurleyhome.com

NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WEDS GROUP: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ Additional Contribution: \$ _____ ***

***Additional contributions are to help sponsor a couple who would otherwise not be able to attend. Any additional contribution is completely tax deductible.

National Dialogue Day

Dear Dialoguing Friends,

Please join us in celebrating “National Dialogue Day” on **October 10th** (10/10). We plan to celebrate on that day with a prayer for all dialoguing couples, priests and religious, as well as dialoguing on the question:

How does our daily dialogue provide growth and closeness in our relationship? WAMFAT?

With love, Bob & Joy and Msgr. Chuck

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Newsletter Editorial Policy

We welcome and encourage submissions from our readers!! We accept articles that support the values of the Marriage Encounter Weekend. Articles should fall into one of the following categories:

1. An incident or a period of your life that was strongly affected by living the Weekend values.
2. Teaching articles that provide support by citing personal experience, to couples, priests and religious

3. Articles about upcoming Marriage Encounter events or reports about community and sharing group events that have already taken place.
4. Poems or prayers or stories that relate to marriage and family life.

Please note: articles from other sources including the Internet must have permission to reprint included.

Articles for submission to *Our Love Connection* should be submitted no later than the 15th of the month to be included in the next month's edition.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Oct 10 (10/10) National Day of
Dialogue

Oct 21 Day of Romance

Nov 18 Community Night

Dec 3 Christmas Mass/Social

Jan 6, 2007—Little Christmas
Dinner Dance

www.rc.net/detroit/wwme



Vision: "Love one another as I have loved you."

Mission: Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic experience and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.