



From our Ecclesial Team

Dear Loving WWME Community,

Your M.E.Q. is the gift of your love given freely to all you encounter!

It's so hard to believe this year is almost over. It was wonderful to see such a show of enthusiastic couples at the walk-in in November! It was easy to see that the couples were truly touched by your outpouring of love & welcome into the WWME community! We were once again touched by the blessing this WWME Community is to all of us! Thank you!

The Macomb Zone's Community Night eased us into the Thanksgiving mood by letting us take a look at **What's Right With The World**. We were touched by the wonderful video presentation and the fellowship of our Community friends. If you haven't come to a Community night we strongly encourage you to make it one of your New Years resolutions. You will be so glad that you did.

After (and before) Thanksgiving, we have been bombarded by the world's need to over commercialize Christmas! Bigger is better is still the way. How sad. We invite you to come to our Family Christmas Mass & Social on Dec. 3rd, and/or the Little Christmas Dinner Dance on Jan 6th (details for both events can be found elsewhere in the newsletter). With all the hustle and bustle of the "real" world we decided to dialogue on the question "What simple pleasure brings me the greatest satisfaction?" HDIFAT?

I (David), wrote that the simple pleasure of listening to music brings me the greatest satisfaction. New or old music puts me into a relaxed mood.

I feel very calm about this. My feeling is similar to driving home after a long business trip or after an extra hard day at work. The sound is like a babbling brook or water trickling in a fountain. The smell is fresh air after a gentle rain. It's

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From the U.S. Secretariat Team

November 20, 2006

Dear Friends,

As the end of 2006 approaches and Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) prepares to begin its 39th year in service to our Church, we would like to take this opportunity to remind couples, priests and religious across the United States that Worldwide Marriage Encounter – USA, Inc. is a non-profit corporation, certified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization. This means that any donation given to WWME outside the Weekend is tax deductible. We know many people make end-of-the-year donations to charitable organizations and we would like you to consider including **WWME** as one of the worthy recipients of your donations.

We would like to remind you of the WWME mission that is so important to all of us. The dedicated couples and priests associated with Worldwide Marriage Encounter continue to stand as lighthouses providing beacons of much needed light for our troubled society. We offer hope to couples and priests seeking more intimate and satisfying relationships. We introduce them to the joy of living God's desire for their sacrament and we offer support for faith-filled family life. Please help us to continue our WWME mission to renew the Church and change the world -- one sacrament at a time!

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WEEKEND DATES

2007

- ♥ Feb 16-18
- ♥ Mar 16-18
- ♥ Apr 20-22
- ♥ May 18-20
- ♥ Jun 22-24
- ♥ Sep 14-16
- ♥ Oct 19-21
- ♥ Nov 16-18

From Our Ecclesial Team, continued....

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similar to our Daily Dialogue time. It is a solid 8 out of a scale of 1 to 10. The touch is my head on my favorite broken in pillow. It's like being in church with our family.

For me (Jane), the simple pleasure that brings me the greatest satisfaction is when we find the time for a late night walk. Hand in hand, it's as if we were alone in the world, just you and me. This is especially satisfying during the Christmas season as we look at the light displays as we walk.

I feel secure about this. In nature it's a baby bird warm and cozy under it's mother's wing. It's knowing there's a warm house to go home to at the end of our walk.

My secure feeling is about an 8+ on a scale of 1 to 10. The touch is a warm blanket tucked around me. If it were a sound it would be your gentle breathing when I wake up in the middle of the night. My secure feeling is one of being safe, warm, loved and needed all rolled into one.

We pray that your Christmas is blessed with some simple pleasures.

May God bless you and all you hold dear during this Holy Season.

As always PRAY for the couples on Weekends everywhere, and PLEASE KEEP ON INVITING!! The WWME Weekend is a gift to be shared! Don't keep the Dream of the weekend to yourselves!

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

*Love & prayers,
David & Jane Dewald*



Zone Affirmations will be held in the Wayne, Macomb and Oakland Zone's this year.

We thank our current Zone Coordinator's for all they've done to serve our wonderful WWME Community.

Thank you to Dan & Joyce Hurley (Wayne/Monroe), Ron & Pat Anderson (Macomb), Charlie & Dairdre McGlothlin (Oakland).

Please make plans to attend the Affirmations in your Zone.
Pray for openness to this area of leadership.

Wayne/Monroe Zone Affirmations: Saturday Feb. 11, 2007

Macomb Zone Affirmations: Sun, March 25, 2007

Oakland Zone Affirmations: Tue, April 24, 2007

Please consult your WEDS group leaders for times and locations.

From U.S. Secretariat Team continued....

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We continue to meet couples and priests all across the country who are very generous with their time and energy in support of Worldwide Marriage Encounter and this ministry is blessed by their service. And if you would like to expand your generosity, we respectfully ask that you consider including a donation to WWME of \$25, \$50 or more.

If you would like to make a tax deductible charitable donation, we have attached a page that provides several methods you can use to help us reach our Year-

End fund raising goal of \$20,000. You can also indicate how you would like your financial gift to be distributed within WWME (National, Section and/or Local Use). We are very grateful for any amount you may wish to contribute toward helping the WWME movement achieve its mission.

With love and gratitude,

Bob & Joy Hernandez and Msgr. Chuck Kosanke

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U.S. Secretariat Team

Please make checks payable to Worldwide Marriage Encounter. All financial gifts donated as part of this program are fully tax deductible. Please enclose your check or credit card information and send to: **Worldwide Marriage Encounter; 2210 East Highland Ave., #106; San Bernardino, CA 92404; Ph: 909-863-9963 Fax: 909-863-9986 Email: OfficeAdmin@wwme.org Web: www.wwme.org**

If you would like a Donation Form: contact David and Jane Dewald or the WWME office above.

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.**

Detroit Area Day of Romance—Theology of the Body

By Charlie & Dairdre McGlothlin



Theology of the Body – Discovering God’s Glorious Plan for Your Life! Theology of the Body is the working title Pope John Paul II gave to 129 short talks he delivered between September 1979 and November 1984. This body of knowledge

has been called “one of the boldest reconfigurations of Catholic theology in centuries,” according to the Pope’s biographer, George Weigel. According to Christopher West, author and much sought after speaker on this subject, Theology of the Body is a biblical reflection on the meaning of the body, sex, and marital love and goes on to address some of the most fundamental and important questions of human existence to include:

- Why were we created male and female?
- Where do we come from and why?
- What is the meaning of life? How do we experience it?
- Why is there evil in the world and how do we overcome it?

On October 21, 2006, thirty-six ME couples from the Greater Detroit and Lansing, Michigan Areas attended a Day of Romance hosted by Detroit’s Oakland Zone of WWME to participate in a four-part Theology of the Body seminar pre-

sented, via DVD, by Christopher West. Drawing on Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, Christopher shared God’s original plan for marriage and sexuality and how an understanding of this plan gives profound meaning to all our lives – married, single, and consecrated celibates. Lindsey & Kelly Luttinen of the Detroit Area facilitated the seminar by playing DVD segments followed by discussion, 10 & 10 reflection, and group sharing.

The Day of Romance ended with a beautiful celebration of the Mass by Fr. Bob Weakley of St. Michael Church in Southfield, Michigan. Parishioners of St. Michael extended a special blessing on the WWME couples at the conclusion of Mass. The day was a true enrichment for all in attendance. David & Jane Dewald, Greater Detroit Area Leaders, summed up the experience nicely as follows, “We left the day with so much to think about. We never realized there was so much involved in God’s true plan for us and the world! We had taken so much for granted. This was one of those enrichments that will stay with you the rest of your life.”



LINK TO THE ARTICLE IN eMatrimony

http://www.ematrimony.org/news/20061104_detroitdayofromance_mcglothlin.htm

Believe in the Power of Prayer?
Pray for others-join us!
Prayer Request?
Send to Scott & Mary at ismelarsen@comcast.net

Prayer Vigil for USST Selection Process Feb. 16-18
 New leaders will be selected February 16-18, 2007 at the Affirmations for our United States Secretariat Team. **The US Secretariat Team is the couple/priest who lead our movement in the United States and represent the United States at the World Council for WWME.** Each Area in the United States WWME family is being asked to pray during selected times during this special Affirmation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide this Affirmation/selection process We thank and ask God's Blessings on our current leaders who have served WWME so faithfully: Bob & Joy Hernandez & Msgr. Chuck Kosanke.

Look for the sign up sheet at the Little Christmas Dinner Dance or email David & Jane Dewald jane-dave2me@peoplepc.com to volunteer for one of the Detroit Area WWME assigned time slots.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>END</u>
Friday	Feb.16, 2007	10PM	11PM
Saturday	Feb. 17, 2007	4AM	5AM
		10AM	11AM
		4PM	5PM
Sunday	Feb. 18, 2007	10PM	11PM
		4AM	5AM
		10AM	11AM

Welcome New Couples

We extend a warm welcome to these couples from the November weekend:

David & Valerie Barnes—Novi
 Darek & Krystyna Budzik—Windsor, Ontario
 Paul Carter & Jan Kirchgessner—
 Rochester Hills
 Keith & Michelle Clark—Royal Oak
 Brian & Linda Dimoff—Shelby Twp
 Roger & Linda Feldman—Sterling Hts
 Nelson & Eleticia Feliciano—Detroit
 Jason & Angela Gabridge—Detroit
 Wayne & Patty Goldzweig—Taylor
 Lawrence & Elizabeth Gray—Pontiac
 John & Rita Heinricy—Royal Oak
 Ryan & Noel Kelley—Plymouth
 John & Laurie Klocek—Dexter
 Ken & Maggie Lane—Northville
 Ted & Hope May—Lewiston

Tom & Brenda Nelson—Rochester
 Joe & Laura Pleva—Grosse Pte Park
 Darin & Susan Puruieski—Monroe
 Hubert & Monica Sanders—Redford
 Stefan & Darlene Seelmann—Roseville
 Frank & Kelly Spadafore—Taylor
 David & Tyra Uicker—Detroit

And thanks to the Team presenting the weekend and post encounter:

Fr. Edmond DesForges OFM Conv
 Mike & Donna Kohn
 Glenn & Michelle Nowak
 Walt & Joyce Gomulinski
 Dave & Debbie Murray

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—2007 DATES

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

January 17	@ Ron & Pat Anderson's
March 14	@ Charlie & Dairdre McGlothlin's
May 16	@ Rick & Cindy Lafond's
June 13	@ TBD
August TBD (Sat/Sun)	@ David & Jane Dewald's
September 19	@ TBD
November 14	@ TBD

HOSTING Weekend Dates:

February 16-18	Macomb
March 16-18	Wayne-Monroe
April 20-22	Oakland
May 18-20	Macomb
June 22-24	Wayne-Monroe
September 14-16	Macomb
October 19-21	Oakland
November 16-18	Wayne-Monroe

DETROIT WWME COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Sat. Jan 6	Christmas Dinner-Dance (Wayne Zone / Tucci's , Allen Park)
Sun Feb 4	World Marriage Day (San Marino Club, Troy / 3:30 - 9 p.m.?)
Sun Feb 11	Wayne Zone Affirmations (Location & Time TBD)
Sat Mar 10	Share the Dream Rally/Community Night (Oakland Zone & Inviting Coor. Host – Location TBD / 6:30 to 10:00pm)
Sun Mar 25	Macomb Zone Affirmations (Location & Time TBD)
Tue Apr 24	Oakland Zone Affirmations (Location TBD & 7:30 p.m.)
Sat May 12	Community Night (Macomb hosts)
July 20-22	Section 6 Convention (Collinsville, IL)
Sat Aug ??	WWME Golf Outing (Rackham Golf Course)
Sat Sep 22	Community Night (Wayne Zone hosts)
Sat Oct 20	Day of Romance (Macomb Zone hosts)
Sun Oct 28	World Priest Day (Wayne Zone hosts)
Sun Dec 2	Christmas Mass and Social (Advisory Council host - (Location & Time TBD)
Sat Jan 5, 2008	Christmas Dinner-Dance ((Location & Time TBD) Oakland Zone)

Get a calendar to put those dates on !!

Walt and Joyce Gomulinski have the new Worldwide Marriage Encounter calendars—dialogue questions for every day of the week.

They will be available for purchase at the Family Christmas Mass and the Dinner Dance in January. Also, you can contact Walt and Joyce and once you pay—it will arrive in your mailbox. Cost is \$10.00. If you want it mailed to you, the cost is \$13.00.

Love, Walt and Joyce 586-772-8075



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 & Retrouvaille

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.



Canton Kissers

The Canton Kissers met on Saturday October 28th and the home of Tom and Laura Baptist. At that meeting, we explored All Souls Day. We reflected on who we think of on All Souls Day and how that made us feel. On November 11th we met at the home of Mickey and Bernie Tucker. We looked at our differences from our spouse and how those differences cement our relationship to make it stronger.

The month of November is dialogue challenge month with the Canton Kissers. 8 couples have agreed to participate. We have broken into 2 teams. At the end of November, with 30 possible dialogue opportunities per couple, the team with the most dialogues will be treated to a home cooked dinner. Rumor has it that at the half way point, very few dialogue opportunities have been missed. This

race will go down to the wire. Check back in the next newsletter for the final results.

As of this writing, the Canton Kissers are planning to have a Christmas celebration in December. The date is TBD. We have also tentatively scheduled our first two meetings of the year on January 13th and 27th. Those locations are TBD. We also encourage everyone to attend the Christmas mass and social on December 3rd, and the Little Christmas Dinner Dance on January 6th.

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.

Detroit Area

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See next page

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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:

**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.