



From our Ecclesial Team

Dear Loving WWME Community,

Your M.E.Q. is your excitement to Share the Dream of the WWME weekend!

What an awesome Rally!!! Our many thanks to all those in the Oakland Zone who went way above and beyond to put on the best Rally yet! The travel theme was so much fun. We were so pleased to see so many of you there! We're ready to go out and INVITE! Congratulations to all the winners of the special prize baskets. We are all winners when we work together to keep the dream of the W/E alive!

As part of the inviting effort all Areas in the U.S. are being asked once again to pray for inviting. We have asked that each WEDS group use an inviting prayer as a part of their opening prayer. We have felt the power of prayer many times in our lives. It's especially wonderful to know we as a community are praying together.

We decided to dialogue on the question: **HDIF**, when our prayers are joined with our friends for a common intention?

I (David), wrote that there is power in prayer. It is so wonderful to have

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APRIL WEEKEND CANCELLED DUE TO LOW COUNT. INVITE FOR MAY!

Inviting Corner

Wow! What a Rally! The Lord is amazing what he can do when we are willing to serve him with open hearts. Thanks to everyone who attended the Rally and made it happen, especially Amy & Paul Scheidler and Charlie & Dairdre McGlothlin.

Our Inviting Challenge for 2007 **Worldwide WEDS** was unveiled. We will be trying to “go around the world” with our WEDS groups. For each inviting activity a WEDS group does, they get to “visit” a destination. Your Area Coordina-

tor is your Tour guide. They have the map key that lists all the activities and destinations. All destinations are places where Worldwide Marriage Encounter is active throughout the world.

Here are a few Destinations:

- ♥ Have a wine and cheese night; invite encountered and un-encountered friends to mingle—good for a trip to **France**
- ♥ Personally invite your priest on a Weekend—good for a trip to **Italy**

weekend dates

2007

- ♥ **May 18-20**
- ♥ **Jun 22-24**
- ♥ **Sep 14-16**
- ♥ **Oct 19-21**
- ♥ **Nov 16-18**

From Our Ecclesial Team, continued....

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a direct connection to the Lord our God.

I feel connected. My feeling is similar to a family reunion that happens often. It is the sound of quiet when I meditate and pray. It is the power coming on after days of no electricity. My feelings strength is a strong 8 on a scale of 1 to 10. The touch is a mother cuddling her newborn baby.

When we are praying together with friends for a common intention, I (Jane), I also, feel connected in a special way. With so many people praying together for a common cause, God is sure to listen. My connected feeling is like all the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle neatly fitted together. The taste is Communion at Mass, Jesus shared with all those present. It's a 10

on a scale of 1 to 10. The sound is our song, "There's a New World Somewhere" being sung with gusto. The touch is the arms of those we hold dear, literally linked together as we sing our song.

Congratulations to our new Wayne Zone coordinator's, Rick & Miriam Mikulak. Many thanks to our out going coordinators Dan & Joyce Hurley who have served the Wayne zone for the pass 3 years! We will share the results of the Macomb Zone Affirmations in the next Newsletter. Oakland's affirmations will be held April 29th (please note this is a different date then what had been previously given).

Remember to mark your calendar for the Macomb Zone community night on May 12th at St. Lawrence. The theme is Shelter from the

Storm. Community nights are great opportunities to have all our WEDS groups come together for fellowship and sharing. We invite all of you to come be a part of this special evening.

Happy Easter! We pray that you all have a Blessed Easter celebrating the Risen Lord with all those you love!

As always PRAY for the couples on Weekends everywhere, and PLEASE KEEP ON INVITING!! We can change the world one couple at a time!!!

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

*Love & prayers,
David & Jane Dewald*

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.

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

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

Inviting Corner, continued

when two others couples in your WEDS group also invite a priest

- ♥ Arrange a Pulpit Talk—good for a trip to **Germany**.
- ♥ Attend a Walk-In with four other couples from your WEDS group—good for a trip to **Australia**

Together let's keep the Fire Alive and the Weekends Full!

Love,
Chris and Renee Pall

Dialogue Question: Our WWME Weekend was most like visiting what country? HDIFAMA?



Paul & Amy Scheidler—presenting at the Rally

Macomb Zone Affirmations:

Mike & Julie Audo were affirmed as new Area Coordinators for Northern Lights. We thank Pat & Cathy Clinton for the wonderful job they have done supporting the Northern Lights WEDS community this past year and look forward to the leadership of Mike & Julie. The dynamic duo of Gary & Margie Graham and Donna & Mike Jankowski were re-affirmed for Laughing Lovers. Passionate

Partners affirmations are scheduled for April 12th at Larry & Jean Larson's and Dream Keepers will have their affirmations on April 14th at Tammy & Cliff Patton's. Macomb Zone Affirmations, scheduled for March 25th, will have taken place by the time this goes to press. Thanks to all who continue to serve this ME Community.

Thanks for all you do.
Hugs, Pat & Ron



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.

Macomb Zone Affirmations: March 25, 2007

Oakland Zone Affirmations: Sunday, April 29, 2007 at 3:00 pm
at Charlie & Dairdre McGlothlin's, 3583 Charwood Drive, Rochester Hills, MI, 48306 248-364-4194.

Please consult your WEDS group leaders for times and locations.



WWME May Community Night

Hosted by Macomb Zone



Shelter from the Storm

Join us as our very own Gary & Margie Graham
share their story of dealing with the storms in their
life

and the sunshine of a new day!!

There will be a 10/10 and group sharing

Beverages and snacks courtesy of Macomb WEDS
Groups

Saturday, May 12, 2007

7:00pm - 10:00pm

St. Lawrence Parish - Utica

44633 Utica Rd.

Utica, MI

Rally, Rally, RALLY

2007 Share the Dream Rally

On March 24, 2007 the Detroit Area WWME community gathered at St. Michael's church hall in Southfield Michigan and set sail on the Love Boat for the 2007 Share the Dream Inviting Rally. Bon Voyage!! A pleasant journey it was as the southeast Michigan Worldwide Marriage Encounter community set sail on a fun-filled and motivational inviting experience. This cruise ship theme evening was created and made possible by the four WEDS groups in Oakland County and the Detroit Area inviting coordinators. Chris and Renee Pall are WEDS coordinators for the Happy Huggers, Charlie and Dairdre McGlothlin are coordinators of Hearts of the Hills WEDS, Jeff and Sue Bruck are WEDS leaders from the Lakes Area Lovers, and Paul and Amy Scheidler coordinate the West Side Lovers WEDS group. Larry and Jean Larson and Chris and Renee Pall are the Detroit Area inviting coordinators. This group was surely a Dream Team as each of them, and many volunteers they recruited from their respective WEDS groups, contributed time, talent, and treasure to make this inviting rally a huge success.

After a brief welcome and explanation of the evenings ports of call, Paul and Amy Scheidler delivered a motivational presentation that touched the hearts of all present as they shared their mixed bag of feelings from discomfort, apprehension, disappointment, determination, pride, confidence, and excitement in their inviting efforts over just twenty-two months since their ME Weekend. In that short period of time, Paul and Amy have delivered a pulpit talk and invited fellow parishioners, friends, family, and total strangers to experience the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Their stories of defeats to victories encouraged many new and longtime ME couples to be more involved in inviting activities. Paul and Amy's presentation was followed by a 10/10 and small group sharing on specific ways we are going to reach out to couples identified in our dialogue process.

After this stimulating presentation and shar-

ing process, the entire complement of passengers and ship's crew was ready for a visit to the Midnight Buffet. Passengers and crew contributed to this exceptional culinary experience, which included everything from shrimp cocktail to a chocolate fountain. Following the feast, all were ready for some fun cruise ship activity. Small groups developed and presented their innovative travel poster to promote a get-away ME Weekend. Immediately following the poster display came another featured attraction of the cruise, the 2007/2008 Inviting Challenge.

The inviting challenge was designed by our Detroit Area inviting coordinators and continues the travel theme for a year long adventure culminating at next year's inviting rally. WEDS groups will carry-out a wide range of inviting activities thereby earning passport stamps to the 81 different countries that host the WWME Weekend. At the end of the challenge, the Detroit Area WEDS group earning the most countries will be treated to an international dinner hosted by the Oakland Zone WEDS groups and our Detroit Area inviting coordinators.

After introduction of this well received inviting challenge, passengers were allowed to embark on excursions to booth activities designed to enhance inviting, support dialogue, get involved in community activities, support the Weekend, improve communication to encountered and perspective couples, and acquire rare ME gifts and supplies. As passengers signed up and committed to activities at each of these ports of call, their passport was stamped and frequent flyer miles were awarded (raffle tickets). The evening cruise was concluded by cashing in frequent flyer miles for a chance on any of 14 beautiful gift baskets donated by each of the Detroit Area WEDS groups. Each basket carried a value of approximately \$50. One final surprise gift basket was presented to Paul and Amy Scheidler by the Rally Dream Team for the exceptional contributions they made to the success of the 2007 Share the Dream Rally. The entire community echoed that appreciation with a standing ovation.

Submitted by Oakland Zone WEDS and Detroit Area Inviting Coordinators

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—2007

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

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:

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:

Sun Apr 29	Oakland Zone Affirmations (2:00 p.m. at Charlie & Dairdre's home)
Sat May 12	Community Night (Macomb hosts)
Tue May 22	Oakland Zone Affirmations (Location & Time TBD)
June 29—July 1	WWME Family Campout—Proud Lake
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)

Section Convention—2007

Be the Light

for our family, our community, our Church, our World!!

<http://wwme-sec7.org/convention/index.html>

July 20-22, 2007
Collinsville, Illinois

Register now for the 2007 **Be the Light** WWME Convention
sponsored by Sections 6 and Section 7.

RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY.
INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE.

International Convention—2008

Save The Date!
 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
 International Convention
 ONE WORLD
 ONE FAMILY 40 YEARS
 June 27 – 29, 2008
 Ontario Convention Center, Ontario California
<http://convention.wwme.org/>

Rekindle your own relationship, celebrate your sacrament. Meet other couples and priests from all over the world who will be coming to celebrate their love and the 40th anniversary of Marriage Encounter. Start thinking of old friends who have moved away that you will want to invite.

Love Camping???

Add the WWME Camping trip to your calendar. It is planned for the weekend of June 29th. It will be at Proud Lake Campground. The Larsens and Larsons will be hosting again this year.

Believe in the Power of Prayer?

Pray for others-join us!

Prayer Request?

Send to Scott & Mary

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Welcome New March Couples

Terry & Brenda Bowens—
 Redford

Jose & Flory Castillo—
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Thanks to the Team:

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JOB OPENING—Newsletter Editors
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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

attempting to live the Weekend values.

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 in-

cluded.

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:

Sun, Apr 29—Oakland Zone
Affirmations

Sat, May 12—Macomb
Community Nite

July 20-22—Section
Convention

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.