

Our Love Connection



From our Ecclesial Team

Dear Loving WWME Community,

Your M.E.Q. is your willingness to pray for each other!

It's finally Spring! We were beginning to wonder if it would ever really arrive and stay!! These past few months have brought many prayer requests for our WWME Community, so many friends in real need of our prayerful support. Our sincere thanks to Scott & Mary Larsen who do the best they can to get everyone's requests for prayers out to all of us. This is no small task, and we hope they know how much we appreciate all they do for all of us! If you do not

receive the Prayer Requests and would like to please contact the Larsen's at isme-larsen@comcast.net . Our thanks too, for all of you who continue to pray.

With much sadness we had to cancel our April weekend. It breaks our hearts that our weekend counts are so low. Please continue to invite and pray.

With so much stress in our lives, we decided to take a look at the lighter side of life. It's been said "if you don't laugh you'll cry". We decided to dialogue on the question: What makes me laugh? HDIFAMA?

I (David) wrote, a well presented
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We are pleased to tell you that **Bill and Phyllis Rosen** will be the new Newsletter Editors effective with the June issue. We thank them for their willingness to take on this joy.

Begin sending articles to them at:
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INVITE, INVITE, INVITE

We have our first WEDS groups to report earning countries in the **Worldwide WEDS Inviting Challenge!**

Dream Keepers – Indonesia – Inviting Liaison Position Filled

Happy Huggers – Bahamas – Nine Day Novena for Inviting

The Inviting Liaison position involves getting your WEDS group excited about inviting. Also, you might assist the Inviting Coordinators with follow-up phone calls to schools or parishes.

The Nine Day Novena involves five couples in your WEDS group saying a prayer for inviting for nine days. The Happy Huggers choose to use the Inviting prayer that is said at all Detroit WWME meetings.

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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joke or funny story will get me into a spirited mood. Watching or listening to Bill Cosby will often put me rolling on the floor with laughter.

I feel ecstatic. My feeling is similar to watching a puppy playing with a new toy. The sound is a child being tickled. The taste would be a BLT made with fresh tomatoes from the garden. It's a trip to the zoo to watch the monkeys and polar bears play. My feelings strength is a 7 on a scale of 1 to 10. The touch is the sand and water squishing through my toes at the beach.

I (Jane) wrote, the thing that causes me to laugh is recalling times I did something goofy. Such as the time we spent flashing little flashlights out the window at night, when our teenag-

ers were out front (our kids know we are nuts).

I feel lighthearted about my answer. It's a well planned April Fools Day trick for one of our kids. In nature it would be splashing in the puddles after a summer rainstorm. The taste is a root beer float with the foam running over the edge of the glass. It's a 7+ on a scale of 1 to 10. The sound the music from a carousal . It's a walk to the park to swing on the swings (you're never to old to have fun).

Thanks to Steve & Margie Graham for their willingness to share their story of the storms they've dealt with in their lives, and the sunshine of new days at the Macomb Community night. We look forward to hearing their special story. Please join us on

May 12th at St. Lawrence. These Community nights are great opportunities to have all our WEDS groups come together for fellowship and sharing. Everyone leaves these special nights feeling refreshed.

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 **Dan and Joyce Hurley** 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

We hope to have many more countries collected next month. Some other countries to focus on are:

Norway - Contact a church about having a WWME booth at the parish festival. We have a free registration for a WWME Weekend to be raffled off at each festival.

Denmark - Five couples in your WEDS group invite four couples on a Weekend. (Remember the invita-

tions you mailed after the Rally count as two couples invited!)

If you would like more information about Worldwide WEDS or inviting, please contact Chris and Renee Pall at (248) 374-0760 or wwme@thepalls.com

**Dialog Question:
HDIF about our inviting efforts?**



Zone Affirmations

On Saturday, April 28th, the Macomb Zone affirmed Dan and Debbie Waring as Zone Coordinators for the next two years. It was a beautiful affirmation with 4 couples open to the leadership position....what a Spirit filled evening!!!

We thank all the couples that were open and all who participated in the affirmation process. It has been our pleasure to serve the

Macomb Zone for the last two years.

We look forward to continuing to watch the Macomb Community grow and flourish under the gentle, loving leadership that Dan & Debbie always bring.

Hugs, Pat & Ron Anderson

*Dear Loving WWME Lover's,
All three Zone's have completed their Affirmations.
Please join us in welcoming and showing our support to our 3 new Zone Coordinator's:*

Wayne Zone:

RICK & MIRIAM MIKULAK

Macomb Zone:

DAN & DEBBIE WARING

Oakland Zone:

SCOTT & MARY LARSEN

Our love & thanks to:

DAN & JOYCE HURLEY

*RON & PAT ANDERSON
CHARLIE & DAIRDRE
MC GLOTHLIN*

who have lead their Zones with much love and dedication!

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the Mikulak's, Waring's and Larsen's.

May He bless them richly for their openness to this leadership position.

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

*David & Jane Dewald
Executive Couple*



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

Our New National Leaders speak...

Dear Holy People of God,

We wish you all a blessed and joyful Easter! We thank God for your faithfulness to the mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter. What you do in your areas is so important to our WWME family. We are offering special intentions for your ministry and your family at this holy time of the year.

When we were selected as your US Team in February, our lives were suddenly changed. Bob & Joy and Msgr. Chuck passed along an avalanche of need-to-know materials and a pocket calendar with over half the remaining weekends in the year scheduled. Nevertheless, we do have another life, and we will share a bit of it with you. Our stories may help you to appreciate the joy we feel in accepting this awesome responsibility.

I am the lucky priest growing in relationship with Tony and Cathy. **I am Fr. Emile Frische.** I was born in Roermond, The Netherlands, and moved to New Zealand 5 years later. No, I didn't go alone! My Mum and Dad and 3 brothers came along. From about the age of 7, I wanted to be a priest. Fr. Gerry Haring, a Mill Hill Missionary priest had a great influence in my life, and I wanted to be like him. I applied to join the Mill Hill Missionaries – the English Missionary Society, founded by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan in 1866. I did my philosophy in Christchurch, New Zealand, and then traveled 30 days by boat to England to study theology. I was ordained in my home parish, St Francis Xavier, Whangarei, New Zealand, on June 20, 1970. My first appointment was to the Diocese of Miri, Sarawak, East Malaysia (on the island of Borneo.) I worked with the Kenyah, Iban, Sebop and Penan peoples--too short a space to tell those stories!! They were wonderful years – the best years of my life.

I had to leave Borneo in 1984 and was assigned to Mill Hill, London, as vocations' director. After 10 years in different ministries my Superior General asked me to come to the USA. Oh my, why would I want to come to the USA? Obedience would be one reason! Anyway, it was in 1998 that I was dragged to a Weekend in the New York City area. It was the best thing that could ever have happened to me. I had a great experience on the Deeper, and have

never looked back. Being in Ecclesial relationship with various couples is the highlight of my priesthood. I come to see more clearly the power of our Sacraments in relationship – we are Church, Church on mission through relationship. Trialogue is very important and necessary for me, and I have that privilege 4 evenings a week. I'm looking forward to growing in my relationship with Tony and Cathy, and all of you.

We are Tony & Cathy Witczak, both from Wisconsin. Tony grew up there, but I spent 13 years in Mexico before I returned as a teenager. We met in 1964 at a migrant workers camp—Tony was the driver for the evening, and I was helping the seminarians in their ministry to the Mexican field workers and their families. There was an instant attraction because a few weeks later, we were talking about getting married. Tony was mature and spiritual, qualities that really attracted me...but his good looks and strong arms made him irresistible!

We were married in 1967-- our first daughter was born a year later. We changed jobs a few times and we moved a few times. Soon we had three little girls—Eileen, Risa and Kara. We moved to the Louisville area in 1975, for a better job we thought would be a career move, but in retrospect we know it was God's way of getting us into Worldwide Country. At that time, there were no WWME weekends in Wisconsin. Our son Kyle was born in 1976. We were recruited for the weekend by a non-Catholic couple in Tucson while on a business trip. In August of 1979 we made our weekend at Mt. St. Francis in southern Indiana. The priest was Fr. Joe Supple from Atlanta. We still remember him...we were inspired by the way he and the couples worked together so closely. Fr. Joe chose the vows from the book of Ruth for the final mass... we couldn't keep the tears of joy from flowing as we recognized how much we loved each other and what a gift we had been given. We have never been the same!

We became Louisville area leaders just a year and a half later. In 1983 we moved to Tampa—for a better job that soon disappeared and left me (Tony) unemployed. The instant family that WWME provided was helpful in carrying us through this difficult time. We were sad to move away, but we

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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.

Our New National Leadership... con't

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ended up in the Philadelphia area where we still live today. We made jokes about being banished from our hot tub in Florida to the cold winters in Valley Forge, but we were blessed to land in one of the strongest communities in the country. It is here that we finally put the “daily” in our dialogue. We have not missed since 1992. We share this not to boast, because we know that many of you have an even better record, but to attest to the value of making each other number one every day. It really makes a huge difference.

We are delighted to be serving with Fr. Emile in this new leadership responsibility. Building an ecclesial relationship can be challenging, but we know that it is also rewarding. It is the hallmark of our movement, the close collaboration makes us stronger as leaders and helps us to reflect the won-

derful mystery that is our Church. We dialogue each Thursday and in our prayer as we begin, we think of you.

The three of us know how difficult it is to lead an area. The help of many others is required to accomplish the work of the Encounter. Please pass this loveletter along to let your faithful companions on the journey know that we value their efforts as well. We pray that laborers for the all the WWME vineyards throughout our country be plentiful. May God's blessing be powerful in you and your families this Easter time. May you be filled with His Peace.

We love you,
Tony & Cathy & Fr.Emile
United States Secretariat Team
Tony & Cathy Witczak Fr. Emile Frische

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
at ismelarsen@comcast.net***

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.

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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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**Sat, May 12—Macomb
Community Nite**

**July 20-22—Section
Convention**

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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.