



# Engaged Encounter Notes

Diocese of St. Augustine



## A Love Letter From Our Leaders

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Dearest Community,  
 Summer's over and its time for back to school. We hope you have had a great summer. It has definitely been a busy summer. We had a great showing from our community at the district convention in Knoxville in June. Ron and Patty did an excellent job presenting the 5 Languages of Love for the Enrichment. All the speakers were excellent. It was our first convention and we can't wait until the next one. If you have not heard, the next District Convention is HERE in 2009. We will discuss this at the upcoming meeting so start thinking of ideas for a theme and think about how you will help out. It is going to take a lot of work and we need everyone's help to pull it off. The

Knoxville community set the bar very high and we have a big challenge ahead of us. In July we had another spectacular Beach Party at Anne's. Check out Ron's recap for more details.

There are still 2 holes in the schedule for the remaining weekends this year. We need a senior couple for October and November. Please check your schedules and let us know if you are available. It is also time to start looking at 2008 and filling the schedule.

We look forward to seeing everyone, Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:45. We will have a back to school Pizza Party. Please bring your favorite dish and lots of ideas for the convention.

Love to all,  
 Jamie ♥ Dawn

### Blessing For A Marriage

May your marriage bring you all the exquisite excitements a marriage should bring, and may life grant you also patience, tolerance, and understanding.

May you always need one another - not so much to fill your emptiness as to help you know your fullness. A mountain needs a valley to be complete; the valley does not make the mountain less but more; and the valley is more a valley because it has a mountain towering over it. So let it be with you and you.

May you need one another, but not out of weakness. May you want one another, but not out of lack. May you entice one another, but not compel one another. May you succeed in all important ways with one another, and not fail in the little graces.

May you look for things to praise, often say, "I love you!" and take no notice of small faults.

If you have quarrels that push you apart, may both of you hope to have good sense enough to take the first step back.

May you enter into the mystery which is the awareness of one another's presence - no more physical than spiritual, warm and near when you are side by side, and warm and near

when you are in separate rooms or even distant cities. May you have happiness, and may you find it making one another happy.

May you have love, and may you find it loving one another!

*James Dillet Freeman*

## Prayer Requests

- ♥ For the Day family as deal with complications in her pregnancy
- ♥ For Anne Storch as she continues to receive therapy for her hip.
- ♥ For the Preston family.
- ♥ For the Engaged.
- ♥ For all of our priests.
- ♥ For all families as they adjust to the new school year.
- ♥ For all vocations.

## Contact Info

Thanks to those who have given me your updated info. If you notice anything that still needs to be corrected or need a new copy of the roster, please let me know.

Thanks,

*Matthew Graves*

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# Beach Party Recap

Whoooo Whee - did we have a great time at our Beach Party or what! A special and heartfelt THANK YOU to Anne Storch for opening her home to us. It was a perfect day of family, friends and fun - a St. Augustine EE family reunion of epic proportions. Everyone - toddlers, kids, teens and adults young and old - had an awesome time thanks to Anne's generosity and warmness. Whether it was the fresh water pool, the shaded deck overlooking the ocean, or the surf itself - there was something for everyone!

If you weren't there with us, you missed a

great dining experience! Our meal was a veritable feast (one the food network would never match). Everything - the featured main dish, the many side dishes and desserts - was absolutely delicious.

As we dined beside the ocean, enjoyed each others company, and talked about our ministry, one person noted that he wondered if

this was how Jesus and His disciples felt as they ate, talked and looked out over the Sea of Galilee. It's true, we all experienced a little bit of heaven - right here on earth! Thank you, Anne, for hosting an incredible day. You are a "True Joy".

## A Few Reminders

It appears that there has been some confusion in recent weekends about several things.

First of all, the community is no longer providing Friday evening dinner for the team. However, it is strongly encouraged that the team talk prior to the weekend to work out if someone will bring dinner for everyone or if you will eat on your own. Please remember to include the priest for the weekend in these discussions.

Second, if an issue arises on the weekend, please let us know. If it is urgent, please call us at 673-1557.

It may be wise for teams to sit down at the beginning of the weekend to review schedule, etc.

Due to the growing size of the weekends, most weekends will use the river room for RAP instead of the pod so there is more room for everyone to feel more comfortable.

**Please look at your calendars and let us know which weekend(s) you are available for next year.**

Engaged Encounter 2008 Schedule								
Weekend	Priest	Senior	Junior	BTS	Registration	NFP	Prayer Coordinator	Follow Up Mtg
January 11 - 13	Fr. Donal							1/18/2008
February 15 - 17	Fr. Murphy							2/29/2008
March 28 - 30								
April 25 - 27								4/4/2008
May 16 - 18								5/30/2008
July	Beach Party - TBD							
August 8 - 10	Fr. Lozier							8/22/2008
October 17 - 19								10/24/2008
November 14 - 16								11/21/2008
December	Christmas Party - TBD							

## Love Taps

Love at first sight is easy to understand; it's when two people have been looking at each other for a lifetime that it becomes a miracle.

- Amy Bloom

A good marriage is one which allows for change and growth in the individuals and in the way they express their love

- Pearl S. Buck

If you have love in your life it can make up for a great many things you lack. If you don't have it, no matter what else there is, it's not enough.

- Ann Landers

## September Meeting

Mark your calendars for the next meeting, Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 at St. Joseph's. We will be having our back-to-school/end-of-summer pizza party. We hope to see everyone there and look forward to hearing the next chapter of your relationships.

## Excerpts of Love

We have learned more about each other, not the basic information, but deep and spiritual things. We considered ourselves to have great relationship and communication, but through this weekend we have learned that there are other topics that we've only skimmed over or not even talked about at all. This weekend has allowed us the time to discuss these items. We have gained more understanding about each other and our future.

Gilbert ♥ Velvet—June 2007

This weekend was very beneficial, informative, and guiding. It enabled us to see areas that we differ in and just hadn't thought that should be discussed. We hope to use the lessons of the weekend to help us grow closer to one another and God.

Neville ♥ Jennifer—June 2007

If we are ever in doubt about our love to one another, these notebooks are an easy reminder. The discussed topics will be revisited many times both now and in the future. This weekend was one of love and growth for both of us

Bill ♥ Rachel—June 2007

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Weekend	Priest	Senior	Junior	BTS	Registration	NFP	Prayer Coordinator	Follow Up Mtg
January 19-21	Fr. Walsh	Kelly's	Schretzmnn	Granados	Oehmann's	Schretzmnn		1/26/2007
February 23-25	Fr. Seamus	Pendleton	Anderson	Granados	Hutchinson	Schretzmnn	Storch & Graves	
March	<b>Discernment</b>							3/17/2007
April 20-22	Fr. Murphy	Pendleton	Schretzmnn	Hutchinson	Marzluff & Carlson Training	Schretzmnn	Graves	4/27/2007
May 18-20		Brodeur	Schretzmnn	Granados	Carlson	Schretzmnn	Graves	
June 22-24	Fr. Bernie	Gibson	Anderson	Oehmann; Graves BTS Training	Hutchinson	Schretzmnn	Graves	6/1/2007
<b>June 29th - July 1st District III Convention Knoxville, TN "007 The Real Bond"</b>								
July 29	Beach Party - home of Anne Storch							
August 24-26	Fr. Tim Lozier	Geinosky	Morrissey	Graves	Hutchinson	Schretzmnn		9/7/2007
September	Cancelled							
October 12-14	Fr. Sullivan		Klusman	Hutchinson & Bilbray	Helgeson	Schretzmnn		10/19/2007
November 16-18	Fr. Bernie		Preston	Wilkey	Hutchinson	Schretzmnn		11/9/2007
December 8th	Christmas Party - home of Manny & Yvonne Granados 7pm							