



# Engaged Encounter Notes



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## A Love Letter From Our Leaders

Dear Lovers,

Happy Valentines Day!

We are looking forward to the recruitment social on February 29th. Please use this opportunity to bring a couple or two to join us in our ministry. We can't exist without all our wonderful team members and we know that there are lots of couples out there who would be great additions to our community. We would like to challenge everyone to bring at least one new couple with you on the 29th. This meeting will be a

social event, so put on your party hats and join us.

Please RSVP to us no later than Friday, February 22 so we know who is coming.

We got a thank you from the Tampa community for the donation we sent them at Christmas. They said "Thank, Thank, Thank, Thank, YOU!"

There are still a few spots in the schedule that need to be filled—especially for June and registration for several

weekends.

There are several committees listed in the minutes for the Convention that we need to fill. There will be plenty to do and no one will be asked to do anything by themselves but every committee needs a leader. Please let the Kelly's know how you want to help out for the Convention.

See you in 2 weeks for the Social.

Love to all,  
Jamie ♥ Dawn

## Prayer Requests

- ♥ For the Preston family.
- ♥ For all of our priests.
- ♥ For all vocations.
- ♥ For Bri's 2 1/2 year old niece and family as they cope with her leukemia.
- ♥ For the Engaged.
- ♥ For all our couples in the Community.
- ♥ For all the other Communities in our Unit, especially those who are struggling with difficult times and those who are trying to start new communities.
- ♥ For the Hutchinson's as they experience the joys of pregnancy.
- ♥ For Anne Storch as she continues to recover from the "beach virus".

## 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,

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# January Meeting Minutes

The meeting began with prayer and thanksgiving and progressed to a veritable plethora of taste sensations! Following our meal, our leaders moved us smoothly into a hearty “Happy Birthday” to Denver and Julia! Following the birthday wishes, we moved to the brief business portion of the meeting. The following items were covered:

We recapped the November (Fr. Bernie, Wilkeys, Gibsons and Oehmanns) and January (Fr. Sullivan, Oehmanns, Andersons and Pendletons) weekends. As usual, each was special in its own way. Both the teams and the couples felt the awesome power of Christ as they prepared for the Sacrament of Marriage. A short game was agreed to be added to our weekends. It was done before “Called to be One” on both the November and January weekends and was well received by the couples. It involves having the couples look at a picture and then sharing three things they noticed – the different responses underscores that we do see things differently – and that we need to respect our differences. The game and directions are with the weekend supplies. We have also bought a camera to use to take pictures of the couples and place them on a display board throughout the weekend. The pictures are developed Friday night and 1 set is displayed and then available for going through the vision letters to help remember which couple is which and the second copy is given to each couple to have as a memento of the weekend.

We discussed possible changes to the NFP portion of our weekend. Once NFP becomes required for engaged couples in their marriage preparation, it would seem that the initial introductory session we present on our weekends may be redundant and not necessary. If this proves to be the case, senior presenting teams need to be ready to move back to the National EE Outline in the flow of our “Becoming a Family” talk. The bosses will discuss and coordinate this with the Family Life Office.

Recruitment of new couples. Our February meeting (Valentine’s Day theme) will provide a great opportunity to invite new couples to experience the joy of our ministry. The bosses have sent the presenting teams a list of couples who mentioned that they would like to get involved in EE on their vision sheets following their weekend. The teams are to personally invite the couples to our Valentine’s party. Also, on each weekend the presenting teams will be given two recruitment

packages (four per weekend) to be given to promising couples on the weekend.

Schedule – Please sign up for all remaining unfilled 2008 needs. The calendar was passed out. Our newest presenting team Bill and Judy Joyce immediately signed up for the April weekend and began refreshing their talks to bring them in line with the National Outline.

Bill and Chris Kelly gave us a convention update. Looks like the Wyndham Hotel in downtown Jacksonville will get the nod – totally renovated facilities and close to everything! They provided a list of convention coordinators that will be needed and solicited interested parties to sign on! Here is what we have so far:

Convention Coordinator –	Bill and Chris Kelly
Hosting and Hospitality –	Denver and Camille Anderson
Facility Coordinators -	Bill and Chris Kelly with Ron and Patty Pendleton
Speaker Coordinators -	<b>Open</b>
Registration Coordinators -	Jamie and Dawn Oehmann
Liturgy Coordinators -	<b>Open</b>
Printing Coordinators -	<b>Open</b>
Fund Raising Coordinators -	<b>Open</b>

That was it for the business part of the meeting. Before our closing prayer we had a blast as we continued our enrichment series “Cup of our Story” sharing. This month we reflected and shared on the first time we said “I Love You”! Each of us shared that moment when that feeling we had in our gut poured out to our loved one in the form of “I Love You!” From the guys, we learned that the words came soon after the courtship, one romantically wrote I love you on her back while scratching it, another used the inclusive approach and simply announced “I think I’m falling in love”, another couldn’t say it fast enough, and yet another, upon being coaxed to make a commitment, responded “Don’t rush, I’m only gonna tell ONE girl I love her! She decided to wait and later those life-giving words flowed from his lips! We all agreed that sharing our stories is a great and fun filled enrichment. At the April meeting, our Cup story will be “Our Wedding Day”.

## February Meeting

### Love Taps

*For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.—Psalm 57:10*

*Disregarding another person's faults preserves love.—  
Proverbs 17:9*

*OK, guys. Knights in shining armor shouldn't only exist in fairy tales.*

The February meeting/social will be at St Joseph's in the Cody Center on February 29th at 6:45pm. We will have a recruitment social with belated Valentines theme. We will have an Italian feast from Carrabbas. The community will provide the main dish which will be a pasta and a seafood pasta —please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Don't forget to invite a couple to join us. See you there.

### Excerpts of Love

We received so much from this weekend, exceeding my expectations...It is important to both of us to live out our marriage as Christ-centered as possible while supporting the Church's teaching too. I cannot imagine beginning our marriage without this experience.

Scott ♥ Roxanne—January 2008

I feel that if we can remind each other of our values, needs and wants that we have the capacity to share that love we have as a couple with our families, friends and the world.

Graham ♥ Julie—January 2008

It was a wonderful time for us to reflect on ourselves and us as a couple.

Doug ♥ Elizabeth—January 2008

## Weekend Schedule 2008

Weekend	Priest	Senior	Junior	BTS	Registration	NFP	Prayer Coordinator	Follow Up Mtg
January 11 - 13	Fr. Donal	Pendleton	Oehmann	Anderson	Klusman	Schretzmann	Graves	1/18/2008
February 15 - 17	Fr. Murphy	Kelly	Anderson	Granados	Hutchinson	Schretzmann	Graves	2/29/2008
March 28 - 30		Pendleton	Oehmann	Wilkey	Hutchinson	Schretzmann	Graves	
April 25 - 27	Fr. O'Flynn	Joyce	Klusman	Graves		Schretzmann		4/4/2008
June 27-29	Fr. Bernie	Kelly				Schretzmann		
July	Beach Party - TBD							
August 8 - 10	Fr. Lozier		Oehmann	Granados		Schretzmann		8/22/2008
October 17 - 19			Klusman	Hutchinson		Schretzmann		10/24/2008
November 14 - 16	Fr. Donal	Pendleton	Schretzmann	Graves		Schretzmann		11/21/2008
December	Christmas Party - TBD							