



Engaged Encounter Notes

Diocese of St. Augustine



A Love Letter From Our Leaders

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Dearest Community,

Summer is here and that means the kids are home and vacations are on the horizon. We hope that everyone takes this time to reconnect with their spouse and spend some extra quality time with family and loved ones. We loved hearing how couples first met in our enrichment at the last meeting. If you weren't there, check out Ron's minutes for a recap. Let us tell you, there are some great stories to be heard and we can't wait until the September 7th meeting to find out the next step in couple's relationships... first date or first kiss (which ever is a juicier

story that you can share with others J)

We are excited that our community has 6 couples going to share in the "007 The Real Bond" convention in Knoxville at the end of the month. It sounds like it is going to be a lot of fun and an enriching experience for everyone. We are looking forward to our first convention.

The next event is the Annual EE Beach Party at Anne Storch's house. Check your mailbox for the invitation. Please remember to RSVP and let us know what you will be bringing to share.

We are doing very well again this year in serving

engaged couples. We have already had close to 175 couples attend an EE weekend and our August weekend already has a waiting list. Thank you to all our many couples who have made this possible. We understand and can't tell you how much we appreciate the great sacrifice that everyone is willing to make in order for our ministry to be so successful. Our schedule is almost full for 2007 but we still need a senior couple for October and November of this year and then it is time to start filling up the schedule for 2008.

Love to all –
Jamie ♥ Dawn

Lord Jesus,
grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love for each other.
Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust.
Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony.
May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths.
help us to forgive one another's failings
and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness
and the spirit of placing the well-being
of one another ahead of self.

Prayer Requests

For the Day family as they anticipate their 2nd child, Asher.

For the Preston family.

For all of our priests.

For all vocations.

For Anne Storch as she continues to receive therapy for her hip.

For the Engaged.

For the Holloway family as they prepare for the arrival of their 4th child.

For the families that will be traveling to Knoxville for the District Convention and/or on family vacations this summer.

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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Meeting Recap

Engaged Encounter Meeting

June 1, 2007

It was another great meeting. The theme for this month's meeting was "Run Silent - Run Deep" picnic and we had Submarine sandwiches and all the trimmings to celebrate the occasion. Following our opening prayer and meal we had a short business meeting and enrichment. Here's what we talked about.

Harry and Norma reported that the May weekend was great. There were 25 mostly Catholic, and very young, couples. Norma read one of the vision letters, typical of the bunch, that was most affirming.

The June weekend is full and has a waiting list, and the August weekend is almost full.

We were asked to look at the remaining schedule for 2007 - especially senior presenting couples - there are still some holes to be filled - so, make it easy on our leaders - sign up NOW!

Convention update - We have six couples planning to attend the District III convention June 29-July 1 in Knoxville - this is the most ever from this community - awesome!

District Outreach reported that the Tallahassee community is in need of presenting teams for their weekends of June 22-24, October 26-28 and November 16-18. The community has only 2 couples, both of whom are involved in higher level leadership roles, one at the Unit and the other at the District level, as well as presenting weekends. If you can help, let Denver or Camille Anderson know!

Our "Summer Beach Party" will again be held at the home of Anne Storch. The date is July 29. This may be the last year we meet at Anne's for this event, so make every effort to attend. It looks like we will gather around noon or so and eat at 2:00. An invitation with all the particulars will be sent to you soon.

Our enrichment was a seemingly simple question - "How did you meet?" You had to be there to experience the richness of the responses. See if you can match up the couples with the "first encounter" experience.

The couples are: 1. Jim and Dawn; 2. Harry & Norma; 3. Andrew & Julia; 4. Ron & Patty; 5. Brian & Erin; 6. Jim & Donna; 7. Jamie & Dawn; 8. Manny & Yvonne; 9. Denver & Camille, 10. Bonus choice - Byron and Aaron

- A. Met at Job interview - he was struck by her blue dress with polka dots and the most luscious red lips he had ever seen! Famous quote "I'm gonna kiss them lips!"
- B. Met at a job interview - she thought he was the most awesome guy she had ever met. Professional, handsome, smart, and witty. He agreed.
- C. Met at college - in the cafeteria. Her father walked up to perfect strangers and introduced himself, and her, and sat down. The "guy" at the table was one of two brothers and she could not tell them apart. Didn't know which name went with which guy. So, she never used their names, unless they were together and she could say both names!
- D. Met at college - at a "Winter Carnival". She had no intention of staying - just dropping off marshmallows - then she saw "him". She decided to stay, and they ice skated for hours - with street shoes! He offered to walk her to her dorm - if it wasn't too far (it was cold)!
- E. Met at a Bar - he was struck by her beauty, but she did not remember the first encounter, which really only lasted about a minute. Long enough for him to want to meet her again. The "bar" may be a stretch - it was really a Theology on Tap meeting - at a bar.
- F. Met at a Bar (for real!) - UF/FSU Party. On the way to the Bombay Bicycle Club he pulled his car off the road and prayed to meet someone special and there she was. It was love at first sight and his prayers had been answered.
- G. Cousin Norman and Brother John hooked them up. First meeting was at a movie - really didn't sit together and it was dark, so she did not get a good look at hem. Second meeting, at a drive in movie--- you had to be there for the end to this one!
- H. Met at a Girl Scout Camp. He made a lasting impression on her by pouring a glass of ice water on her head followed by turning her canoe over! Took us a while to realize that he was not a girl scout - but was a life guard at the camp!
- I. Met at a college Sorority dinner. She saw him from behind - thought neat pants and good butt! From there to a Kentucky Fried Chicken Dance (so called because it was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - K F C).

Answers: 1-I; 2-G; 3-C; 4-B; 5-E; 6-D; 7-H; 8-F; 9-A

Love Taps

September Meeting

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
-1 John 4:16

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourself with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
-Colossians 3:13-14

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine.
-Song of Solomon 1:2

Mark your calendars for the next meeting, Friday September 7th at 6:45 at St. Joseph's. We hope to see everyone there and look forward to hearing the next chapter of your relationships.

Summer Party

Mark your calendars for July 29th and watch your mail for the summer party invitations.

Excerpts of Love

This weekend has been a wonderful experience for the both of us! We feel so close to God, each other, and have an even clearer of the goal of our roles in our marriage: to help each other get to Heaven

Jessica ♥ William

Thank you for creating this wonderful weekend of reflection and prayer for us. We have found the time here away from distractions to focus on what is vital to our development as a couple and our preparation to receive the sacrament of marriage. The sacrifices you make to have this program are truly a gift to us and we appreciate the work and dedication that goes into this program.

Libby ♥ Neiland

The prayer night with the candles was specifically important to us because we were able to feel God's presence among us and in our lives together. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Stephanie ♥ Nader

Weekend Schedule 2007

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