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Thank you Kim, Bulletin Editor - St. Anselm, for the above great idea!

Kim recommended we provide the original **WORD** document to easily copy/paste bulletin events.

Here is your monthly update from National Marriage Encounter (Detroit area). The primary purpose of this email distribution is to promote National Marriage Encounter events. This email database of over 5,500 contacts covers the Detroit, Flint, Toledo, and Lansing areas. We can also help promote marriage enrichment activities in your community which are open to the public. Please notify us at least four weeks prior to your marriage enrichment event so our Board can consider your request. Our email address is: n.m.e@mac.com Thank you for your ongoing support!

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NATIONAL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Monthly Announcements for Marriage Enrichment

(SE Michigan area)

October, 2009

Upcoming National Marriage Encounter Weekends (Detroit area)

Capuchin Retreat Center
Washington Twp.

Nov. 13-15, 2009

**26 of 26 rooms reserved
0 of 10 on the waiting list
BOTH wings open!**

August 6-8, 2010
2 of 18 rooms reserved
Only 1 of 2 wings open

Manresa Retreat House
Bloomfield Hills
March. 12-14, 2010
5 of 21 rooms reserved

Sept. TBD, 2010
2 of 21 rooms reserved

Monthly Enrichment
gatherings for all couples
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CONTACT CARDS
or **BROCHURE**

Dear [Name_Title],

Sweetest Day not just another "date".

Ahh, Sweetest Day! It's right around the corner - October 17. Some say it's a "made up" holiday for the greeting card retailers. Not so. Sweetest day is an original American holiday. It is simply a reminder that a thoughtful word, deed or small gift enriches the life of the recipient as well as the person giving it. Sweetest Day observance originated in Cleveland in 1922. Herbert Birch Kingston, a philanthropist and candy company employee wanted to bring happiness into the lives of orphans, shut-ins and others who were forgotten. With the help of friends, he began to distribute candy and small gifts to the underprivileged. Over the years, Sweetest Day has evolved into a time to express romantic love and also to show appreciation to friends. There are lots of ways you can show your sweetheart how much you love him or her. Take the time to make each Sweetest Day a "Sweetest Date" with your mate! It doesn't have to cost anything. Just **TIME!**

Watch a romantic movie together, come on guys, you can do it! Go for a drive and take in the beauty of autumn together. Visit an apple orchard. Fill your senses (and tummies) with the wonderful aroma of fresh pressed cider and warm donuts wafting in the crisp fall air. Share a simple picnic lunch among the "painted trees". Use post it notes to leave love notes around the house. When was the last time you walked along the beach hand in hand? Go to the movies, sit in the back row and kiss. How about breakfast in bed? Of course, there are always yummy chocolates and flowers. Be creative. Think of your spouse as you plan this sweetest date. What would fill the heart of your spouse. If you can't get away without the kids, include them. What better gift for your children than to see mom and dad take the time to show their love of for each other, a love that ultimately spills over on them. This year, Mike and I will be spending Sweetest Day at a wedding. How fitting, as we remember our own wedding day, our vows, our thirty years together, our blessed life.

UPCOMING WEEKEND RETREATS!

We value our:
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Our November weekend at the beautiful Capuchin Retreat Center is FULL. However, with 26 reservations, there will certainly be a number of couples that will need to change plans. Get on the waiting list now to almost guarantee your spot with us this November! Capuchin has 95 acres of manicured trails, and our encounter weekend provides time to enjoy them with your spouse! Check out these [photos](#) and imagine yourself getting lost with nature. Many couples find that the retreat center's inviting lounge provides a warm setting for personal reflection and couple dialog, especially near the huge fireplace! [Reserve NOW](#) so we can make plans for your memorable weekend!

Don't miss the opportunity to share a National Marriage Encounter weekend with your spouse and discover God's plan for YOUR marriage! Since personal referral and bulletin announcements are our most popular forms of advertising, we sincerely thank all those "encountered" couples and church staff members who recommend our beautiful weekend experience!

Monthly Marriage Enrichment gatherings at [St Columban's, MAP](#) are in full swing! The topic for October 10 is **"TIME" A precious commodity, how do we spend it?** All are welcome, so please join us for some good food and fellowship! See this [LINK](#) for details.

In His service,
National Marriage Encounter Board (Detroit area)

The below marriage enrichment events, listed in order by date, are not sponsored by National Marriage Encounter. However, these events are open to the general public. Please help promote these events by publishing them in your church bulletin or forward this email to family and friends. We thank you for supporting marriage and family enrichment!

[The First Years and Beyond](#)

~ Marriage Enrichment Evening ~

DATE: Friday, **October 2**, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Plymouth, [The Retreat Center at St. John's, MAP](#)

COST: \$40 / Couple (Registration required)

CONTACT: Contact: Janet, (734) 414-1104

MORE: *The First Years and Beyond* Marriage Enrichment series is excited to welcome back marriage expert Dr. Tim Hogan for another special evening. In his down to earth and humorous style, Dr. Hogan invites couples to graciously come to accept the ways we undermine our efforts to make and keep our marriages amazing, as they were originally created to be. [FLYER](#)

[The Ultimate Date Night with Jay & Laura](#)

Music, Comedy, and Inspiration by Celebrate Your Marriage Ministries

DETAILS: Alma, **October 3** [Trinity Baptist Church, MAP](#), [Audra Devine](#), 989-463-6364

MORE: Join us for fun and laughter as we learn to celebrate our marriages!

[Marriage: God's Love Made Visible Series](#)

TOPIC: What Do We Do When We Disagree? What Is Our Spiritual Life Like?
DATE: Sunday, **October 4** from 2:00 – 5:00 pm
LOCATION: Troy, [St. Anastasia Church](#), in the Pastoral Center, Rooms 111-112 [MAP](#)
COST: \$30 / Couple
CONTACT: Loretta Wilbur at 248-689-0732, [EMAIL](#)
MORE: Hosted by Fred Cavaiani, a Licensed Marriage Counselor. What happens when we argue? “Can we learn to fight fair”? “What place does God have in our marriage?” If these questions have come to mind during your courtship or marriage, then plan to attend the next session of Beyond “Honey I’m Home”. This series is designed to strengthen the intimacy and love in your relationship through effective communication.

[Celebrate your Marriage Conference](#)

DATE: October 9-10, 2009
LOCATION: Flint, [New Creation Church of God](#), [MAP](#),
COST: \$25 Per Person on or before September 5, 2009 & \$30 after this date.
CONTACT: [Dr. Herbert L. Banks](#), (810) 732-0500
MORE: Your hosts: [Jay & Laura Laffoon](#) [SCHEDULE](#)

[SPECIAL EVENINGS FOR COUPLES:](#)

THE THREE INTIMACIES OF MARRIAGE (Emotional, Sexual, and Spiritual)

DATES: Sundays: October 11, November 15, & December 13 from 5-8pm
LOCATION: Washington Township, [Capuchin Retreat House](#)
COST: \$55.00 per couple. (\$150 per couple for all three evenings)
CONTACT: Call the office during business hours at 248-651-4826 or [EMAIL](#)
MORE: The evening starts with a short meditation and presentation, followed by wine, refreshments, and a candlelight dinner. After dinner there will be an inspiring evening presentation on one of the three intimacies of marriage given by Fred Cavaiani, Marriage Counselor and Psychologist. Emotional, sexual, and spiritual intimacy are the foundations of a loving and solid marriage. [MORE...](#)

[Catholic Men's Conference](#)

Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 from 7 - 10 pm
LOCATION: Allen Park, [St. Francis Cabrini Church](#), [MAP](#)
SPEAKERS: [Fr. Ben Luedtke](#) & [Fr. Daniel Trapp](#)
COST: \$15 (Registration [LINK](#))
MORE: Reconciliation is a very important Sacrament, which is offered to individuals that attend our National Marriage Encounter weekends. Couples of all faiths who attend our weekends have claimed this single event has transformed their lives! All Christian men are encouraged to attend! Come and learn why God's gifts of reconciliation and anointing of the sick are **Sacraments of Healing**. [FLYER](#)

[RETROVILLE PROGRAM](#)

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

DATES & LOCATIONS: October 16–18, DeWitt, [Bethany House](#), [MAP](#)
October 23-25, Troy, [Ramada Plaza Hotel](#), [MAP](#)

CONTACT: Call 800-470-2230 (Troy area) & 517 290-5596 (Dewitt / Lansing area)
MORE: If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, Retrouvaille can help you. [MORE](#)

[Love and Respect Video Conference](#)

DATES: Friday, October 16th from 6:30-10pm; Saturday, October 17th from 8:30am-1pm
LOCATION: Commerce Township., [Commerce United Methodist Church](#), [MAP](#)
COST: \$20/person; \$35/couple
CONTACT: [Tammy Marcelli](#), 248-310-3406
MORE: For more details visit their [web site](#).

[Living in Love](#)

A mini church-based retreat to energize and renew the romance and excitement of being in love!

DATE: October 17 & 18
LOCATION: Ann Arbor, [Christ the King](#), [MAP](#),
COST: Call or email to confirm weekend cost.
CONTACT: [Dick and Stephanie Giba](#), 734-747-7415
MORE: Facilitated by married couples, the Living in Love workshop is a series of presentations followed by questions for reflection and discussion so that couples can explore topics together. See their [BROCHURE](#) for details.

Third Annual Family of Faith Cana Dinner

Three Marriages: Three walks in Faith

DATE: Saturday, October 17 at 6pm
LOCATION: Plymouth, [Our Lady of Good Counsel](#), [MAP](#), Fridays: 7-9pm starting Sept 18th.
COST: \$35 / Couple
CONTACT: Dan Czarniekiat: (313) 580-4107 or [EMAIL](#)
MORE: Our Emcees for the evening will be Channel 7 News Anchor/Reporter Vic Faust and his wife, Jennifer. The evening will feature a catered dinner, refreshments, and gifts. Speakers include: Mark and Richelle Renfer, Jeanne and Tom Stevenson, Bob and Marian Smentowski.

Arrested By Mercy-Caught in the Healing Glance of Jesus

Saturday, October 3: Gospel of Life Series – Mass at 7:15am; Continental Breakfast at 8:15am; Program Begins at 9am. See this [FLYER](#) for more details.

[FIREPROOF MOVIE NIGHTS and Couple Enrichment Groups!](#)

LOCATIONS AND INFORMATION:

- Saint Clair Shores, [St. Joan of Arc](#), [MAP](#), [Sr. Carol Juhasz](#), 586-777-3670 (contact for monthly events)
- Auburn Hills, Nov. 3 @ 7pm, [Sacred Heart Church](#), [MAP](#), [MORE](#), [Denis Naeger](#), (248) 683-2514
- West Bloomfield, Nov. 4 @ 7pm, [Advent Episcopal Church](#), [MAP](#), [MORE](#), [Denis Naeger](#), (248) 683-2514
- Lake Orion, Nov. 7 @ 6pm, [St. Joseph](#), [MAP](#), [MORE](#), [Kathy Hasty](#), 248.693.0440

MORE: What is [Fireproof](#)? This powerful film hit the theatres for a surprising four to five week run and was in the top five for two weeks. It is an excellent movie about a fire chief and his wife who are in the midst of marital problems. In the movie, Capt. Caleb Holt will brave a burning building to rescue a stranger. But, is he about to leave his marriage without even a fight? The focus is not only on their situation but also on their relationship with God. Find out more about how love and

forgiveness can help build or re-ignite a lifelong, enduring marriage.

Contact us by [EMAIL](#) so we can list your Fireproof related events at your church community!

[Marriage Resource Center](#)

[A listing of many marriage enrichment events in Wayne County](#)

PURPOSE: To promote healthy marriage throughout **Wayne County**.

MISSION: To improve the quality of marriage relationships and family life, for adults and children alike. We are challenged to raise awareness of programs and services available to individuals and couples at every stage of pre-marriage and marriage with a mind to strengthening marriages and reducing the divorce rate throughout Wayne County.

CONTACT: [Julie Bock](#), Director, 313-278-4400

MORE: This is a well organized site that is current with great resources for all kinds of marriage enrichment events and more.

[PORNOGRAPHY - Man's Silent Killer](#)

An inter-parish men's fellowship program

DATE: Saturday, November 14th – (Holy Mass at 8:30) - Speakers 9:30 to 11am

LOCATION: Farmington, [Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Parish, MAP](#)

COST: \$5/person free-will donation requested

CONTACT: OLOS Church office (248) 474-5720

MORE: This [Band of Brothers](#) event is open to **ALL** men, to strengthen our **COURAGE – HUMILITY – UNITY**. This event is hosted by 3 different men's groups from St. Fabian, St. James & Our Lady of Sorrows. The 3 speakers include:

- **Dr. Dennis Sugrue** is a clinical psychologist, an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan's Medical School & serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Sexual Addiction & Compulsivity. Dr. Sugrue will discuss 'Pornography & Sexual Addiction in today's society.' [MP3 AUDIO sample.](#)
- **Tim & Ann Mauro-Vetter** are the President Couple for National Marriage Encounter (Detroit Affiliate). Tim & Ann will offer their testimony of 'One couple's journey from darkness and bondage to healing, forgiveness and freedom!' [MP3 AUDIO sample.](#)
- **Lieutenant Ray White** is with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Lt. White will present 'Our children at risk in the electronic age of internet & cell phone/text messaging, physical & sexual abuse, parent's awareness and prevention.' [MP3 AUDIO sample.](#)

Download this [FLYER](#) for more details. To order a CD of the above talks. [EMAIL](#)

[Becoming Soul Mates Seminar](#)

DATE: Saturday, November 14, 2009 @ 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Novi, [Oak Pointe Church, MAP](#)

COST: Confirm (Includes materials for course)

CONTACT: [Christine](#) 248.912.0043

MORE: **Ready to go beyond the surface and cultivate a deeper connection?** Consider this highly acclaimed seminar as your road map to doing just that. Les and Leslie Parrott are your guides. They are entertaining, thought-provoking and immeasurably practical. One minute you'll be laughing and the next you'll sit still in silence as they open your eyes on how you can make your relationship all it was meant to be.

[COUPLE PRAYER SERIES](#)

The Couple Prayer Series involves six evening sessions (one per week). Couples learn to pray together safely, comfortably, and consistently. Sessions scheduled in the Michigan area include:

- Livonia, [St Michaels](#), [MAP](#), Sundays: 7-9pm starting Feb 21st, 2010

DETAILS: Experience the deep spiritual intimacy of praying with your spouse in lovingly safe, close, comfortable, and consistent ways. Experience the joy of having a soulmate. Listen to this short audio about the [blessings of Couple Prayer](#).

Home Edition: Couples without access to the Couple Prayer Series through a church or small group can now experience the same series with print, audio, and video at home.

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