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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](mailto:n.m.e@mac.com) Thank you for your ongoing support!

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## [NATIONAL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER](#)

**Monthly Announcements for Marriage Enrichment  
(Southeast Michigan Area)  
November 2009**

### **Upcoming National Marriage Encounter Weekends (Detroit area)**

#### [Capuchin Retreat Center](#)

Washington Twp.

**Nov. 13-15, 2009**

**30 of 31** rooms reserved  
0 of 5 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**

7 of 21 rooms reserved

**Sept. 24-26, 2010**

2 of 21 rooms reserved

Monthly Enrichment  
Gatherings for all Couples  
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Dear [Name\_Title],

Occasionally a men's event occurs which impacts marriages so significantly that we include this special event in our monthly newsletter. The event we are highlighting is titled **"Pornography - Man's Silent Killer"**. Consider the following words of wisdom from Paco Gavrillides, Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Detroit:

"Without a doubt after 40 years of experience of ministry to men, this vicious and debilitating vice of pornography has affected more men than we want to admit. I highly encourage men to come to this event, if not for your self, then for your ability to help your brothers in their struggle. If brothers stand together in Christ and cover one another with brotherly love and commitment, even this bondage can be broken! Let's equip ourselves for the battle for our freedom."

For complete event details of **"Pornography - Man's Silent Killer"**, please use the following link: [BandofBrothers.biz/](http://BandofBrothers.biz/) More event details are listed below, so invite a carpool of men and join us!

### **UPCOMING NATIONAL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND RETREAT!**

Our November weekend at the beautiful Capuchin Retreat Center has 30 of 31 possible reservations. However, we occasionally receive a few last minute cancellations. So, sign-up on our waiting list now to almost guarantee your spot with us! 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

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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!

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Monthly Marriage Enrichment gatherings at [St Columban's](#), [MAP](#) are in full swing! The topic for **November 28** is "**Feelings - What Do We Do with Them?**" All are welcome, so please join us for some good food and fellowship! See this [LINK](#) for topic details. **Please note the date change from November 14th to the 28th!**

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 enrichment!

[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](#)
- 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 rekindle a lifelong, enduring marriage.

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

**Tune up Your Marriage**

**DATE:** Thursday, November 5, 2009 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Mt Clemens, [St. Peter Church](#), [MAP](#) In the Father Welch Hall

**CONTACT:** Mrs. Judy Coll, Religious Education Director [EMAIL](#) (586) 868-5134

**MORE:** Make a date with your spouse! Invite your friends! A very special presentation "Tune Up Your Marriage" will be offered by Monsignor Charles Kosanke this Thursday, November 5, from 7:00-8:30p.m. in the Upper Level of the Fr. Welch Hall. Msgr. Kosanke holds a doctorate from Rome and

he was chaplain to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter. He will offer practical tips and helpful suggestions to give your marriage a "boost." **FREE BABYSITTING** for children ages 2 and up from 6:45-8:45p.m in the Lower Level of the Hall. Services will be provided by the St. Peter Youth Group. Children must be pre-registered.

### [Retrouvaille Square Dance!!!](#)

**DATE:** Saturday, November 7, 2009, 7:00-11:00 pm.  
**LOCATION:** Roseville, [St. Athanasius Church](#), - [MAP](#)  
**COST:** \$25.00 per couple or family (Priests are free)  
**CONTACT:** Mark & Betty Squier 586-296-9589 or [EMAIL](#)

### [PORNOGRAPHY - Man's Silent Killer](#) An inter-parish men's fellowship program

**DATE:** Saturday, November 14th – Mass at 8am; Speakers 9-11am  
**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 three different men's groups from St. Fabian, St. James and Our Lady of Sorrows. The four speakers:

- **Dr. Dennis Sugrue** is a clinical psychologist, an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan's Medical School and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Sexual Addition & Compulsivity. Dr. Sugrue will discuss the **psychological** effects of "Pornography & Sexual Addiction in Today's Society". [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 and cell phone/text messaging, physical and sexual abuse, parental awareness, and prevention.' His talk will include the **prevalence** of pornography happening all around us! [MP3 AUDIO sample](#).
- **Tim & Ann Mauro-Vetter** are the President Couple for National Marriage Encounter (Detroit Affiliate). Tim & Ann cover the **relational** impacts and will share their testimony of "One Couple's Journey" from darkness to healing, forgiveness, and freedom! [MP3 AUDIO sample](#).
- Fr. Brian Chabala, Pastor, St. Fabian Catholic Church will talk about the **spiritual** effects on our soul and eternal salvation.

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

### [Metro Detroit Clergy/Mentor Couple Training](#)

**DATE:** Friday and Saturday, November 13-14, 2009  
**LOCATION:** Troy, [Zion Christian Church](#), [MAP](#)  
**CONTACT:** Ms. Cynthia Holsworth, [EMAIL](#), 248-894-5393  
**MORE:** This important event is designed to rebuild Metro Detroit one couple at a time. A 12-hour training for Clergy and Mentor Couples to equip you to help marriages at five stages of the marital life cycle:

1. Preparation of couples for a lifelong marriage
2. Enrichment of existing marriages
3. Restoration of troubled marriages
4. Reconciliation of separated couples

5. Save 8 of 10 stepfamily marriages

Here are a few other events of interest from the [Family Rights Coalition Of Michigan](#):  
[A Community Marriage Policy signing ceremony for Oakland County.](#)

### [Strengthening Marriage And Family For The Common Good](#)

#### [Becoming Soul Mates Seminar](#)

**DATE:** Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 9:00am - 3:00pm

**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.

#### [SPECIAL EVENINGS FOR COUPLES:](#)

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

**DATES:** Sundays: 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...](#)

#### [An evening for Married and Engaged Couples](#)

**The Secret of Married Life – Listening and Loving**

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 17th

**LOCATION:** Detroit, [St. Paul's Retreat Center](#), [MAP](#)

**COST:** \$50 / couple

**CONTACT:** Marcia Guerra, Events & Marketing Coordinator, 313 535 9563 ext. 202 [EMAIL](#)

**MORE:** [FLYER](#) The evening begins with a refreshment social at 5:45pm followed by a candlelight dinner at 6:00pm. Fred Cavaiani, a psychologist and marriage counselor, will share on the importance of "listening and loving". The evening concludes around 9:00pm.

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

**TOPIC:** "Can we have an enjoyable sex life without a close emotional life with each other?"

**DATE:** Friday, November 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Troy, [St. Anastasia Church](#), in the Davidson Center [MAP](#)

**COST:** FREE

**CONTACT:** Loretta Wilbur at 248-689-0732, [EMAIL](#)

**MORE:** Save the date and join us at our November gathering when Fred Cavaiani, psychologist and marriage counselor, will be the presenter for this inspiring and motivating evening. Fred Cavaiani has presented at over 200 parishes in the area as well as the retreat centers of St. Paul of the Cross in Detroit, Manresa in Bloomfield Hills and the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington, MI.

### [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.

### [New Years Eve Overnight Retreat](#)

**DATE:** Thursday, December 31, 2009–Friday, January 1, 2010

**LOCATION:** Detroit, [St. Paul's Retreat Center](#), [MAP](#)

**CONTACT:** Marcia Guerra, Events & Marketing Coordinator, 313 535 9563 ext. 202 [EMAIL](#)

**MORE:** Ring in the New Year at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center! A holy, spirit-filled, overnight retreat of prayer, reflection and celebration can help you begin 2010 with a heart full of thanks for the past and hope for what is ahead!

### [WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - 2010](#)

#### **Dinner, Dancing & Prayer Celebration**

**Make a Date to Celebrate Valentine's Day!**

**THEME:** "Men Are from a Galaxy Far, Far Away; Women Are from Heaven-Knows-Where"

**DATE:** Sunday, February 14, 2010, 3:00-8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 2:30)

**LOCATION:** Troy, [San Marino Club](#), [MAP](#)

**COST:** \$55 per couple

**CONTACT:** Rich & Fran 586-838-4447 or Mike & Donna [EMAIL](#)

**MORE:** Guest speakers include: Dominick & [Teresa Tomeo](#) as emcees and speakers along with couples from different marriage ministries who will give short testimonies about their differences! Some topics include: communication, finances, and parenting (Speakers TBD)

- (Bob & Kathy), Couple Prayer

- (Tim & Ann), A light-hearted look at intimacy.

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