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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 7,500 contacts covers the Detroit, Flint, Toledo, and Lansing areas.** Thank you for your ongoing support of marriage!

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NATIONAL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**Monthly Announcements for Marriage Enrichment
(Southeast Michigan Area)
March 2010**

Upcoming National Marriage Encounter Weekends (Detroit area)

[Manresa Retreat
House](#)

Bloomfield Hills

March. 12-14, 2010

**This weekend is FULL
THANKS for spreading
the good word about
NME!**

Sept. 24-26, 2010

5 of 21 rooms reserved

[Capuchin Retreat
Center](#)

Washington Twp.

August 6-8, 2010

9 of 18 rooms reserved
Only 1 of 2 wings open

Nov. 12-14, 2010

2 of 31 rooms reserved
BOTH wings open!

Monthly Enrichment
Gatherings for all Couples
[DOWNLOAD FLYER](#)

View, print, and share our:

Dear [Firstname],

God's mission for our marriage

When Fran and I agreed to volunteer for both National Marriage Encounter and engaged couples, each of us had our own ideas on how we would write our talks. When we made some presentations on an engaged couple weekend, a good friend made a comment. He said, it sounds like you're "competing" with each other rather than "completing" each other. We realized through the years, not only did we need to be focused on our marriage, but on God's mission for our marriage. It was not about us. What was His will and His plan? As we climb God's mountain, Fran on one side, myself on the other side, the closer we get to God, and the closer we get to each other. God is love. God first loved us. The more we learn how much God loves us, the more we grow in love with each other and all those around us.

If we are led by the Holy Spirit, we cannot miss. The Holy Spirit will not lead us in two different directions.

Article submitted by Rich & Fran EMAIL

Question (for dialog): What is "God's mission for our marriage?"

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!

Check out some GREAT video highlights from:

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - 2010

Dinner, Dancing & Prayer Celebration

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

MORE: See the web site to play a few video highlights!

[CONTACT CARDS](#)
or [BROCHURE](#)

We value our:
[SUPPORTERS](#)

[OUR NATIONWIDE
NME WEBSITE](#)

[WORLD MARRIAGE
DAY - 2010](#)

Can you donate a [video projector](#) to National Marriage Encounter?

Thank you Mike & Cindy Essad for your generous donation! They say a picture is worth a thousand words. The pictures and short video clips we will share on our special weekend, will certainly impact everyone in attendance.

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

A Day of Reflection for all couples – married, engaged or dating seriously

TOPIC: The Five Languages of Apology
Presentors: Fr. J.J. Mech, Fr. Mark Prill and the Marriage: God's Love Made Visible team
WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2010, 8:45 am – 3:30 pm
WHERE: [St. Anastasia Church](#), - Davidson Center, 4571 John R Rd., Troy, MI 48085, [MAP](#)
COST: \$15.00 / couple (Includes breakfast and lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus)
RSVP: Required with payment by Monday, March 15th. Sorry, we cannot accept walk-ins.
CONTACT: For reservations or questions, please call 248-689-0732 or [EMAIL Loretta Wilbur](#)
MORE: How many ways are there to say "I am sorry?" As explained by Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas in their book, it depends on our language of apology. Come discover the apology language of those you love as well as your apology language to help enhance your relationships. Heartfelt apologies are a precious gift that let your loved one know they are valued and open the door to true forgiveness and reconciliation.

[The 2010 Statewide Men's Conference](#)
Tapping into Real Power in a Power Hungry World

View this awesome [PROMO VIDEO!](#)
[DOWNLOAD](#) their flier – [Questions and Answers](#)

Remember Promisekeepers? Remember how LARGE quantities of men gathered together, filled stadiums, and all praised God! You now have that opportunity again! Don't miss this **GREAT** event to build up our brotherhood. There are only 9000 tickets available for the whole state of Michigan. Don't miss out! ALL Christian men are strongly encouraged to attend!

WHEN: Saturday, June 26
WHERE: [Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center](#)
COST: \$40 if purchased directly from a brother in Christ! See this list for personal [CONTACTS](#).
Be a "fisher of men" and set yourself up to sell tickets to other men!
EMAIL: Get email updates directly from the source [ADD ME](#)
TICKET: [ORDER](#) your ticket on line if you cannot reach a brother in Christ!

RETROVAILLE PROGRAMS

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

DATES & LOCATIONS: April 9-11, DeWitt, [Bethany House](#), [MAP](#), [Lansing's webpage](#)
April 30-May 2, 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](#)

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:

- St Johns, [St Joseph](#), [MAP](#), Saturdays: 6:30-8:30pm starting Feb 13, 2010
- Brooklyn, [St Joseph Shrine](#), [MAP](#), Saturdays: 7-9pm starting Feb 20th, 2010
- 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 soul mate. 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.

Facilitator's Package: This package enables you to offer the Couple Prayer Series to your own church or small group!

HUNGRY FOR GOD SERIES

Enjoy an even closer, happier and more loving relationship with the One who is loving you first, best and always! The **Hungry for God Series** is a 6-session Audio CD Series (plus booklet of 42 Daily Scripture Supports -- one for each day of the Series' suggested 6-weeks of prayer and reflection) created for every adult or teen-ager who is hungry to enjoy an even happier, closer, more personal love-relationship with God.

FIREPROOF MOVIE NIGHTS

-with Follow-up Discussion Groups-

LOCATIONS AND INFORMATION:

- Saint Clair Shores, [St. Joan of Arc](#), [MAP](#), [Sr. Carol Juhasz](#), 586-777-3670

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. 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.

From the creators of Fireproof see <<<[COURAGEOUS](#)>>>!

Four men, one calling: - To serve and protect ...

Courageous ... honor begins at home.

The next movie from the creators of **FIREPROOF** is moving forward in anticipation of production beginning in the spring of 2010. Sherwood Pictures continues its commitment to life-changing and life-affirming movies. This movie proclaims true fatherhood, the way God intended! [MORE....](#)

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

[A NEW RESOURCE TO SHARE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT EVENTS](#)

In the next few months, [GodgivenUS](#) will be launching a website that will serve as the clearing house for people, groups and organizations interested in fighting to protect the values of life, liberty, and family. It will act as the connective tissue that will help to combine the once fractionalized voices into a single, unified and powerful voice. **Using this new website, people, groups and organizations will be able to cross-connect and cross-promote.** They will be able to quickly and easily educate, inform, coordinate, organize and shape our culture utilizing the technology and features built into this future web site.

STAY TUNED, This newsletter will migrate all listed events to this new resource starting in June!

[Order Your DVD Now!](#)

“A Hedge of Protection – Safeguarding Your Marriage & Family”

10% of all sales will help benefit [National Marriage Encounter!](#)

Four powerful and motivational videos addressing the dangers of pornography and how we can combat it. For complete event details and updates, please use the following link:

[BandofBrothers.biz/](#). This fantastic [Band of Brothers](#) event was hosted by three different men’s groups from St. Fabian, St. James, and Our Lady of Sorrows. Professional event taping and DVD production was done by [Saint Michael’s Media](#). A sincere thank you to all those involved. The four speakers include:

- **Dr. Dennis Sugrue**, clinical psychologist and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan's Medical School. He discusses the **psychological** effects of “Pornography & Sexual Addiction in Today's Society”. [MP3 AUDIO sample.](#)
- **Lieutenant Ray White** of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Lt. White presents “Our Children at Risk” in the electronic age of internet and cell phone/text messaging, physical and sexual abuse. He highlights the importance of parental awareness and prevention. His talk will include the **prevalence** of pornography happening all around us! [MP3 AUDIO sample.](#)
- **Tim & Ann**, President Couple for National Marriage Encounter (Detroit Affiliate). They cover the **relational** impacts and share their testimony of “One Couple’s Journey” from darkness to healing, forgiveness, and freedom! [MP3 AUDIO sample.](#)
- **Fr. Brian Chabala**, Pastor of St. Fabian Catholic Church, discusses the **spiritual** effects on our souls and eternal salvation.

Click [HERE](#) to download the [Family Research Council's](#) 30 page report just released on Dec., 2010. This report covers the [Effects of Pornography](#) on Individuals, Marriage, Family and Community.

[STATISTICS](#) – From the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families