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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER MISSION STATEMENT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

*All our marriages can be renewed
through the gift of Grace.*

To All the Loving Couples of the Archdiocese of Baltimore,

Excitement, excitement, excitement! We are being blessed with a plethora of excitement. A couple from the November weekend, Bitsy and Terry Anderson, has volunteered to be our Baltimore Area Community Chair Couple ([see their bio on page 2](#)). They have planned lots of fun and exciting events for us all to enjoy.

The Baltimore Catholic Family Expo will begin on Thursday, June 28th and end on Sunday, July 1st at the Convention Center in downtown Baltimore. We, WWME, will have a table in the Exhibition Hall, but the big news is that Fr. Tom Frank, Patti and Ray Grose, and Franz and Jomary Chenet will be giving a presentation during the Marriage Retreat and Dinner session on Friday evening ([check out the Expo website for more info and schedules, http://www.catholicfamilyexpo.org/baltimore.html](#)).

And more excitement looms. Our WWME Section 4 Leadership has scheduled a one day Build-it Workshop in Reston, Virginia on Saturday, July 28th. ([see Build-it info on page 4](#))

And don't forget to mark your calendars for the Annual Family Community Picnic and Potluck on August 26th ([location to be determined](#)).

Please pray for the August Weekend, August 10-12. We only have 7 couples scheduled at this time. The February Weekend was cancelled. Our prayers need to be followed by personal invitations. We are a community of about 300 couples. If we get a 10% "Yes" from our efforts, the August will be filled. We can change the world.

We wish all of you a happy, enjoyable, funfilled, and safe Summer.

"Love Never Fails",

Chuck ♥ Mary Carol DiPaula

Here's Bitsy and Terry!

Mary Carol and I were blessed to have met Bitsy and Terry Anderson on the November Weekend. They were an excited and exciting couple. After the weekend we met with them and learn that they are a seasoned Worldwide Marriage Encountered Couple. They volunteered to work with the Baltimore WWME Community as Community Chair Couple.



And here is the “rest of the story”!

Terry & Bitsy made their original Marriage Encounter weekend in Northern Virginia in 1977. They first served as a presenting team and then as the Executive Team for the state of Virginia until they were transferred to Germany. They have been heavily involved in the Catholic Church in various capacities since then. While in Germany they used many of the programs produced by WWME in their parish, especially aimed at the young men and women serving there.

Terry & Bitsy recently experienced a second ME weekend here in Maryland and, as a result, have consented to become the Community Chair Couple. It will be their mission to provide a continuum of enrichment activities for the Maryland WW Catholic ME community. They are especially eager to hear from couples with ideas for these enrichment activities.

When asked what they had in mind for the Maryland WWME community they said they hoped to foster closeness among all couples who have experienced the weekend. At the same time to encourage an increased commitment among couples to grow in our understanding of ourselves, our love and commitment to each other and our Church. “It is through a vibrant and loving community that weekends will fill with other couples that want that same thing. In order to bring the community closer together we hope to provide various opportunities for spiritual enrichment, opportunities to hone communication skills, and opportunities for family and couple fun.” They advise all to keep watch for news and information concerning various activities aimed at the Maryland WWME community primarily via “The Encounter” and e-mail.

Terry and Bitsy have been married 40 years and have three adult, married children (two daughters and a son) and five grandchildren ranging in age from two to seven years. Terry retired from the Air Force in 1984 and again from Northrop Grumman in 2005 (but still works a few hours a week to “keep in touch”). Bitsy recently retired as a Reading Specialist from the Anne Arundel County elementary school system. Terry and Bitsy live in Severna Park and are members of Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church in Millersville.

Catholic Family EXPO...Baltimore, MD...June 28 - July 1

For more information on events and registration go to:

<http://www.catholicfamilyexpo.org/baltimore.html>

Marriage Retreat & Dinner...Friday, June 29...

Speakers include: Art and Laraine Bennett, and our own Fr. Thomas Frank SSJ, Franz and Jomary Chenet, and Ray and Patti Grose

The Marriage Renewal Retreat with dinner includes two great talks, some couple time, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and a renewal of your marriage vows.

This is a great "sacramental date night."



Fr. Thomas Frank SSJ, ordained in 1978, is the rector of St. Joseph Seminary in Washington, DC. He has been involved in Marriage Ministry, as a Pastor and in World Wide Marriage Encounter Movement for the past 28 years in Baltimore/Washington, DC, Texas and Louisiana. Fr. Frank hails originally from Seattle, WA and is the oldest of 4 children.

Moments of Grace in our relationship – Gifts for our journey



Ray and Patti Grose, born, raised, educated and live in the Baltimore area. They have two married sons and five grandchildren. Married in 1964, received the blessings of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in 1980, Ray and Patti minister to married couples and engaged couples. Ray is an electrical engineer; employed at The Johns Hopkins University/Applied Physics Laboratory; Patti a former kindergarten teacher, who since writing her book, "Alzheimer's --- It will never be all right!" in 2005, which shares their nine and half year journey of taking care of Ray's mom, does presentations relating to the Fourth Commandment --- Honor Thy Father and Mother --- respecting our parents as they grow older.

What is it that sustains us and keeps us going in the good and not so good times – the Graces we receive from God.

All our marriages can be renewed through the gift of Grace. Take the opportunity to reevaluate what is taking place in our husband and wife relationship. – our sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Hear how we can celebrate Grace in our relationship and how Grace-filled couples lead their families into Grace-filled lives.



Franz and Jomary Chenet made their World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend in March 2005 which has been a life changing experience for their relationship. Franz was born in the US Virgin Islands, and Jomary was born in India. They meet and fell in love in Texas, while at college and have been married since 1994. Franz is currently serving in the Air Force, teaching video productions at Ft. Meade, MD. Jomary home-schools their three children in Kindergarten, 5th and 7th grades, as well as running a small home based business.

Mark Your Calendar! July 28th 2007!

"BUILD IT"

**Is coming to Baltimore, Washington, DC, & Northern Virginia!
(BWA)**

All are invited. We are hoping that many of you will be interested in attending this community building workshop. Our WWME Section 4 Leadership has scheduled a one day Build-it Workshop in **Reston, Virginia** on Saturday, July 28th, 9 AM – 4 PM(est). Our own Father Tom Frank SSJ and Gary & Marcia Daigle from New Orleans will be handling the presentations.

The "BUILD IT" is a one-day workshop focused on **ENRICHING & EMPOWERING ALL** members of our area to understand, believe, and "own" the mission of WWME. We who have benefited from the loving hands and shoulders of couples and priests who have gone before us and provided us our weekend experience call us to participate. There will be dialog and an opportunity for interaction with the couples in our area. The "BUILD IT" will identify and share "how to" resources, and encourages **ALL** members of the local community to take an active role in inviting efforts to help fill our weekends. There is a \$25 registration fee to cover materials, breakfast, lunch and the travel expense of the Daigles. There will be a request for a donation to promote the W/E in Section 4 including this workshop.

There will be more specific information to come via the mails and phone!

Annual Family Picnic

August 26, 2007

Location to be determined

Potluck Picnic

Bring your picnic and a dish to share

A grill will be available

A fun day for all.

Mark your calendars

Annual Family Advent Party and Weekend Reunion

December 2, 2007

A celebration of the Coming of Christ and of the culmination of the passing year.

Location to be determined.

Mark your calendars

Keep on Dialoguing

Calendar of Events Baltimore/Washington/Arlington

Weekends for 2007

Baltimore, MD. Priest Field, WV

Washington, DC.

Arlington, VA.

August 10-12
November 9-11

September 28-30
November 2-4

September 14-16
November 16-18

Baltimore Events for 2007

Catholic Family Expo June 28th - July 1st

Build-it Workshop July 28th Reston, Virginia

Annual Family Picnic August 26th

* Day with the Bay Sox September 2nd *

* Dinner Cruise (Baltimore or Annapolis) October 7th *

* Walk Around Baltimore/Basilica Tour November 4th *

Annual Family Advent Party and WWME Weekend Reunion

*In the Planning stages

In the "mill": Couples Enrichment, Lighthouse Tours, Sight n
Sound Theater, New York at Christmas

Washington Events

Build-it Workshop July 28th Reston, Virginia

Barn Mass on Dec. 1st

In the "mill": Picnic in August, Outback Steak House Dinner, Fall dance.

Arlington Events

Build-it Workshop July 28th Reston, Virginia

Area Contacts

The Baltimore Worldwide Marriage Encounter Community

The Baltimore Community consists of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Northern Anne Arundel County, Howard County, Harford County, Carroll County, Frederick County, Washington County, Garrett County and extreme Northern Virginia and Eastern West Virginia.

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The Encounter's intent is to keep the Baltimore/Washington/Arlington Worldwide Marriage Encounter Community informed. It is sent to all couples and priests making a weekend in these areas. If you wish not to receive this informational newsletter, please send an email asking to be removed. cimcdip@verizon.net

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Baltimore <http://www.wwme.net>

Washington <http://dc.wwme.org/>

Arlington <http://www.wwme-nova.org/>

"Love one another as I have loved you."