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New Orleans Catholic Engaged Encounter

Meeting Highlights – April 25th meeting

March EE Weekend Review

- Given by the Heneghan's (Sr), the Salvant's (Jr), and Bishop Shelton Fabre (Schulz' registration couple)
- Smooth; no problems; everyone was on time; couples volunteered to participate throughout the weekend
- Bishop brought his years of experience
- Q&A lasted 3 hours with about 30 questions
- Over \$500 in visions (almost all couples gave); 6 couples for betrothals

April EE Weekend Review

- Given by the Schulz's (Sr), the Hebert's (Jr), Father Mike Mitchell and the Laborie's (Support) - (Johnsens' registration couple)
- Father Mike's first weekend is willing to do more in the future
- Group seemed to be more introverted
- \$45 in visions collected from two couples; No betrothals

District 3 Convention - June 12-14 in Jacksonville, FL

- Low rates for hotel rooms are still available \$99/night
- Registration is still open but no T-shirts available at this point (until 5/15)
- Most couples are going

2010 Weekend Schedule

- Need to be booked before 5/30 meeting
- Discussion was held as to how many weekends should be held and if months should be reevaluated. Decided to have no more than 8 weekends and keep September weekend "soft" as it could be affected by weather.

Special Visions Fund

- Funds are depleted. Will let Cathy at Family Life know so that she can tell couples that paying something would be helpful and appreciated when booking couples.
- Suggested that presenting couples make a request for visions in their talks to try to build up the fund.
- Still have ANO grants that are in process which may help somewhat.

Meeting Times

- Determined to be as follows:
 - o 5:30 Room opened
 - o 6:00 Grace and dinner
 - o 6:30 Start meeting

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Meeting Highlights (Continued)

Website Updates

- Steve has done a great job updating the website. Everyone should review the site and give Steve any and all suggestions; even the smallest detail is appreciated.
- Features for the team portion of the website include:
 - o Weekend Team Schedule
 - o CSC Diagram PDF (includes room layout and Sister Terry's room location)
 - o Admin Couple Reminders
 - o CSC Room Assignment Form (template) PDF & Editable format
 - Registration Couple Reminders
 - Meeting Dates
 - o Newsletters
 - NOCEE Roster & Email addresses
 - Prayer Request Link
 - o Deanery Handouts

Way of the Cross

- Turned out to be a wonderful night
- Survey sent and everyone would like to do annually. Discussion held as to whether to hold on the Northshore or the Southshore or both. It was determined that due to the amount of work that goes into the event, swapping the location each year would be more feasible.
- Advertising was the most expensive cost
- Salvants reviewed time and talent sheets received. Couples heard from the event from a range of sources. Salvant's will review to see where the couples were from. Five couples wanted more information; will be invited to information session. Information for couples wanting marriage enrichment will be sent to Jason at Willwoods. Those wanting the newsletter will be added to list for quarterly newsletter.
- Will resend names to the community to see if anyone knows the couples that are interested
- Late summer/early fall will need volunteer to take on WOTC coordination; a lot of groundwork has already been laid.
- Will put together booklet describing different jobs

Information Session

- Wine and cheese at the Levy's on Sunday 5/31
- Will include couples wanting information from the WOTC as well as the weekends

October weekend needs a junior couple - Sternfel's may be able to do Friday and Sunday

Enrichment

- Gospel Reflection (Luke 24:35-48)
- After reflection, each person welcomed to share their feelings on the gospel. After discussion group asked to come up with something we could do that reflected this gospel. Gary suggested that we could actively find Jesus in one person each day.

Next BUSINESS Meeting – Saturday, May 30, 2009

St Clement of Rome Parish 4317 Richland Ave Metairie, LA 70002 US 5:30PM

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Upcoming EE Meeting Dates

May 30, 2009

June 27, 2009

August 8, 2009

September 26, 2009 (pre-discernment)

October 24, 2009 (discernment – all day)

Holiday Parties - TBA

Upcoming EE Retreat Dates

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June 12-14, 2009 July 31-Aug 2, 2009 September 18-20, 2009

October 16-18, 2009

www.fireproofmymarriage.com/index.php

An extension of the popular movie "Fireproof", this website provides information on resources such as books, articles and events for couples in various stages of their relationship.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Braden Kluttz – 4/23

May Birthdays

Patricia Kelley - 5/8

Aubrey Rose Berthelot -5/17

Carolyn Heneghan - 5/19

May Anniversaries

Klutz's -5/5 (8 years)

Laborie's - 5/18 (7 years)

Schulz's - 5/21 (33 years)



Let Us Know

If you have any information that you would like in the newsletter, please let us know. Contact the Laborie's at labories@nocee.org