

News from Nawlins'



New Orleans
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Encounter

Meeting Highlights – February 28th meeting

Enrichment

- *Parents Prayer Calendar* – each day has a specific prayer
- *40 Ways to Pray for Children* – great for Lent

February EE Weekend Review

- Given by the Kelley's, the Sternfel's, the Levy's and Fr. Rodney Bourg
- 12 couples (small group)
- Noticed a maturity in the couples; very prompt and discussions were thoughtful

District 3 Convention

- Will be Father's Day weekend in Jacksonville, FL
- NOCEE will pay for the early registration fee (\$150) which ends 4/15/09 – this is a \$50 savings
- Hotel rooms are \$99/night
- In 2 years the District 3 convention will be in New Orleans – will start planning soon after our current planned activities are completed

Recommitment

- Update on couples that have not communicated with the group in a long time
- Klutz's are taking a sabbatical; Berthelot's will be prayer couple; Wilson's no response

Future Meeting Times

- Noted that currently many couples show up later than 5:30pm
- Would like everyone to consider whether the current meeting time should be changed from 5:30 to a later time, such as 6:00. Claudia will send email to get everyone's opinion.

Way of the Cross for Couples - Will be March 21st (7:00 pm) – in lieu of next meeting

▪ Advertising

- Has been advertised in the Pastoral Bulletin
- Individual couples will be responsible for contacting their individual church parishes to advertise in the church bulletin; please contact Doug Mumphrey and the Hebert's to let them know which parish was contacted so that they know not to contact them. Need to do soon as lead time is short.
- To place advertisements in the booklets that will be passed out, please give business cards to the Schulz's (cost is \$20)
- Each couple received 10 postcards to give out to couples
- The Salvant's received from Jason at Willwoods addresses of couples that went to their retreats in the current and prior year; will send postcards

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Meeting Highlights (Continued)

Way of the Cross for Couples (Continued)

- **Logistics**
 - Brief welcome, Schulz's will explain the ceremony, and the Salvant's will close by thanking all attending and invite the couples to get involved (EE or elsewhere)
 - Will encourage the crowd to carry the cross; if no one volunteers, an EE couple will step in at that station

- **Recruiting**
 - Will have EE brochures that will be mentioned to the attendees
 - Will pass out modified time and talent sheets and provide pens/pencils in the pews
 - The Kelley's are creating a tri-fold display with pictures and comments about EE. This will be displayed near the food which should be a heavy traffic area. Doug Mumphrey mentioned that his boss may discount or donate a professional copy of the tri-fold.
 - Idea was brought up that the EE video could be looped and run during the reception afterward; if images are strong enough alone without sound, will consider displaying

- **Other Matters**
 - Need finger foods for ~100 people that can be eaten with no utensils (a toothpick at the most)
 - Doug Mumphrey volunteered to print the revised time and talent sheets
 - Setup assistance will be needed before the event
 - Decorations – the Levy's will bring red roll of table cloths; the Schulz's will look for the table décor

- **IMPORTANT: Due to no other meetings being held before the Way of the Cross, it is crucial that everyone read their email regularly and respond as this will be primary means of communication regarding the event.**

****Next BUSINESS Meeting – Saturday, April 25, 2009****

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

Upcoming EE Meeting Dates

March 21, 2009
(Couples Way of the Cross – no business meeting)

April 25, 2009

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

March 27-29, 2009

April 17-19, 2009

June 12-14, 2009

July 31-Aug 2, 2009

September 18-20, 2009

October 16-18, 2009

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

"For Your Marriage" website offers cheap date ideas

With tough economic conditions impacting families, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) "For Your Marriage" Web site offers ten suggestions for romantic, low-cost dates. Click the following link to read the full article:

[http://www.arch-no.org/News.php?mode=read&id=392&title=\"For%20Your%20Marriage\"%20website%20offers%20cheap%20date%20ideas](http://www.arch-no.org/News.php?mode=read&id=392&title=\)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

Steve Schulz, Sr. – 3/25

Ann Schulz – 3/20

Cydney Salvant – 3/22

April Birthdays

Braden Kluttz – 4/23



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