

## What Can A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Do For You?

*"Marriage Encounter has helped me to be a better listener and communicator. It's by listening I come to know the people I serve and live with."*

**Fr. Rocky Grimard**



*"Whether you do it for your people or yourself, just take a weekend off from your ministry and make an encounter. It was the most important weekend that I spent in my 25 years of priesthood."*

**Fr. Dennis Hughes**

*"In a ministry where almost all of a priest's time is spent with people who are, will be or have been married, this understanding I gained from the Weekend has been invaluable."*

**Fr. John Curran**



*"I used to see the people as simply members of the church but after my Marriage Encounter weekend they became like family to me. This kind of love brings real renewal to the entire church."*

**Fr. Casey Jazombek**

## Help us help couples in "your parish" learn about Marriage Encounter.

- WWME Pamphlets
- Mass Talks/Information Table
- WWME Information in your Parish Bulletin
- WWME links on your Parish Website.

Please contact our Parish Development team to assist you and your parish staff. We are happy to give short mass talks with an informational table after mass. We can provide pamphlets, email weekly bulletin ads to your staff, and help set up WWME informational pages or links for your parish website.

For more information or if you would like our help sharing WWME in your parish, please contact:

***[priestinfo@arkansaswwme.org](mailto:priestinfo@arkansaswwme.org)***

### WWME VISION

*"Love one another as I have loved you."*

### WWME MISSION

To proclaim the values of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

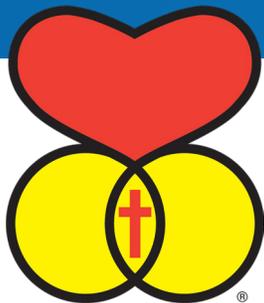


**Dear Father, this is for you...**



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

*Encounter Your Priesthood*



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To sign up for a WWME weekend,  
simply go to...

[www.arkansaswwme.org/apply](http://www.arkansaswwme.org/apply)

...click on the  
weekend of your choice  
fill out the form and press submit.

If you have any further questions email:  
[priestinfo@arkansaswwme.org](mailto:priestinfo@arkansaswwme.org)

*May the happiness of your Sacrament  
always be yours.*

## *As a priest, why is “Worldwide Marriage Encounter” for Me?*

As a priest, you may well have promoted WWME among your parishioners and you may be aware of Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s effectiveness in bringing couples closer together and often transforming or even saving marriages. WWME invites you, the diocesan or religious order priest to consider the following questions and answers, perhaps email or call for further information and plan to join us for a renewing Encounter weekend soon. Please read below to learn more about this ministry and how a WWME weekend could also impact your priestly communication.

### ***What is Worldwide Marriage Encounter?***

WWME is a weekend away from the responsibilities and practicalities of one’s daily life in order to expand and deepen that life. An Encounter weekend is not a retreat, a marriage clinic or a sensitivity group. It’s aim is to help participants develop very special communication skills. Feelings and thoughts flow more freely, resulting in greater love, renewed (and continuing) dedication, and more joy in living out one’s chosen way of life.

### ***What happens at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend?***

A series of presentations is given by a team of Catholic couples and a priest. Each presentation allows you to look at yourself as an individual, and then to look at your relationship to those with whom you live and work and to whom you minister. Finally, you are led to look at your relationship with God, the Church as a whole and the world. Married couples view all these relationships in terms of their own vocation, but the principles are freely applicable to the priesthood and religious life as well.

### ***But--isn’t “dialogue” an important part of an Encounter Weekend?***

Dialogue between the marriage partners enables them to examine and “test out” the new principles of loving communication they are learning in the course of the weekend. It is a simple matter for a priest who is making the weekend to arrange informal comfortable dialogues with another priest who is making the weekend or with the priest on the ministry team.

### ***Please be more specific: How will a WWME weekend enhance and enrich my life as a priest?***

These weekends are designed in such a way that both priests and religious can participate fully. The principles of love, commitment and effective communication translate quite easily to the relationships you have with everyone you have dedicated your life to serving. This new way of communication is both specific and adaptable. You will be able to use it in virtually every relationship and situation. Priests who have made a weekend call the experience “life enhancing.”

***For more information, visit [www.arkansaswwme.org/priests](http://www.arkansaswwme.org/priests)***