

The Spirit

... Is Moving in Iowa

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Dialogue is an important part of our relationship! Here's this issue's "Top 10":

1. What was my favorite memory about this summer? HDIFAMA?
2. What stage of relationship do I see us in right now - romance, disillusionment, or joy? HDIF?
3. What did I most look forward to today? HDIFSTWY?
4. When did I feel closest to you today? HDIFAMA?
5. What was the nicest thing someone did for me this week? HDIFAT?
6. If I could travel in time, I would... HDIFAT?
7. If we could go anywhere for a romantic weekend, I'd take you to.... HDIFTYT?
8. What was the most meaningful experience that I had today? HDMAMMF?
9. If Jesus came to our house for a 24 hour visit how would that make me feel? DFILD.
10. What do I like best about our family? HDTMMF?

HDIFAT: How Do I Feel About That?

HDIFSTWY: How Do I Feel Sharing This With You?

HDIFST: How Do I Feel Sharing This?

HDIFAMA: How Do I Feel About My Answer?

**Vision and Mission
Of Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

VISION: "Love one another as I have loved you."

MISSION: 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.

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Iowa WWME Weekends 2007-2008 *

2007 Weekends

October 12-14 Cedar Rapids

2008 Weekends

February 8-10 Cedar Falls

May 30 – June 1 Dubuque

October 10-12 Cedar Rapids

? NOTE: Des Moines Area 2008 dates not known at time of newsletter publication.

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We invite you to visit our National Website for:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter at www.wwme.org

When you visit this website, be sure to double click onto the picture for already encounter couples to explore the many different Marriage Encounter resources.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Resource Library Website:

<http://erl.wwme.org>

Lots of great resources: dialogue questions, topics and outlines for presentations, inviting and community ideas, gifts, etc. Be sure to share this with your community!

EMatrimony: this is another website that can be very helpful for resources

www.ematrimony.org

To view our local website for news / information from **Marriage Encounter in the Dubuque/Davenport/La Crosse Dioceses**, check this website: www.iowa-wwme.org

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From The Executive Teams:

From Our Dubuque/Davenport/LaCrosse Execs.....

Dear Lovers,

YMEQ is your passion and love for each other. You have the power to change the world one couple at a time.

As this is our first spirit submission we would like to introduce ourselves.

We are Dennis & Deb Jones from Waverly Iowa. We were married November 10, 1984 and made our Weekend in February 2002 in Cedar Falls. Our weekend was life changing and life giving to our relationship. We became Presenting Team August 2002. We have 2 children Matt who will be 21 and Missy 17. Our dialogue is our lifeline to each other in our busy lives; we look forward to this time together each day to share feelings, and grow closer in our relationship, we hope dialogue is the same for each of you. If you have gotten out of the habit, we encourage you to start again and rekindle that fire in your relationship!!

Fr. Lou Jaeger

I was ordained a priest on March 31, 1973 in St. Mary's Church in Manchester, where I was working as a deacon. For several years I was encouraged to go on a World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend. I was in school work at the time so I used that as an excuse. I lost that excuse in the summer of 1995. I was encountered in February of 1996 in Dubuque. I became a presenting team member within a year after that. It has been a

good thing for me. It helps me to understand my people and my people to understand me. The support is great.

I am looking forward to two years as exc. team member again.

Please pray for us as we pray for you.

We also have some changes in our board Craig & Lori Diggins have taken over the Spirit newsletter from John & Caroline Mockler. Lynn & Lyle Ries have moved from inviting to community previously held by Ken & Mickey Collison who will be working on Parish Enrichments.

We would like to thank these couples for sharing their time and talents and for all the Couples and Priests who devote their time to this wonderful ministry. We can't do this alone we need your help we are in need of a couple for inviting and a couple for publicity, if you would be interested or know someone who is please let us know.

Also, if there is anything we can do to support you or your community, please let us know. Our phone number is 319-483-9116, and our email is ddjones_9116@msn.com. We look forward to serving this area, for the next two years.

Upcoming weekends: October 12-14, 2007 Cedar Rapids. February 8-10, 2008 Cedar Falls. May 30- June 1, 2008 Dubuque. October 10-12, 2008 Cedar Rapids. Please invite!!!

Plans for the 2008 convention are underway. It will be June 27-29, 2008. It will be an international convention. The location is Ontario, California. The early registration is \$160.00, this price expires October 31, 2007. Check the website for details, www.wwme.org.



Dennis & Deb Jones & Father Lou Jaeger

Dubuque/Davenport/LaCrosse Areas

Reflections on the 2007 Sections 6 & 7 Convention this past summer

On our way to the Convention in Collinsville, our son-in-law commented that this was our first vacation trip together traveling in the same vehicle. And what a great trip to be making together! We were excited to be going to the convention and we were excited to have them experience their first convention. We will not speak for them, but we had a great time at the convention. All the presentations, the skits, the masses, the music, the sharing with other couples, the Saturday night meal and entertainment, and the theme were wonderful. We were challenged to think about being light to our family, our church, our ME Community, and to our world. We dialogued on how we could take one more step in each of these areas and enjoyed our sharing group with two couples from Section 6. Our only disappointments were that we had to wait a year for the rescheduling of this convention; that our friends who were registered to attend in 2006, missed it in 2007; and that there weren't more couples from Iowa there.

Lyle and Lynn Ries, Alta Vista

These magnets are being sold to raise funds to bring the leaders from New Zealand to the 2008 WWME international convention in California. The cost is \$10.00, and you can contact Dennis & Deb Jones or Bernie & Kristi Evans if you are interested.



Be sure to mark your calendars for the 40th anniversary of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter international convention in Ontario, California on June 27-29, 2008. Registration is available online. Go to www.wwme.org and click on the convention link. By registering early, you can save money!!!!

HERE IS A GREAT IDEA FOR YOUR MANY OLD CONVENTION T-SHIRTS!!!!

We, Bob and Sara Hrdlicka from Charles City, had a number of convention T-shirts in our drawer that we no longer wore but couldn't throw away. Tim and Micelle Juhl, who belong to our Charles City Community ME sharing group are very talented in making quilts and purchased a quilting machine sometime ago. We asked them to make us a quilt from our convention T-shirts. We gave Tim and Michelle a couple of ideas of how we would like the quilt to look and they took it from there doing a "BEAUTIFUL" job. We were so happy with the results we wanted to share a picture of the quilt for those of you who would like to do something with your convention T-shirts or any kind of quilt. Give Tim and Michelle a call 1/641-816-5620 or email them at: michelle_tim@hotmail.com love and hugs Bob and Sara



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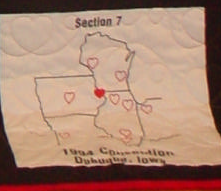


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FROM THE
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Need a new inviting idea?
Do you want to get the neighbors asking questions?
Then try this!

Art work by Lyle Ries.

Inviting & Community

Old Faces, New Joy Job

We are Lyle and Lynn Ries of Alta Vista. For the past six years we have been Inviting Coordinators for the Dubuque/Davenport Worldwide Marriage Encounter Area. We are changing hats. We are now the Community Coordinators. We are excited to try a new avenue of involvement and will be contacting all of the Community Coordinators soon. We want to thank Ken and Mickey Collison for their years as Community Coordinators and for the work they plan to do with Parish Enrichments. May God bless them in their new ministry.

A little about ourselves: Lyle is a self employed Building Contractor and has done construction work for 39 years and Lynn is in her 30th year as a kindergarten teacher. We have been married for 32 years and Encountered for 18 years. We are the parents of five children, four of whom are married. We celebrated their weddings in 2000, 2005, 2006, 2007. Our oldest daughter and son-in-law are also Encountered and are the parents of our three grandchildren.

ME Community has been very important to us, beginning within a couple weeks of our weekend. We were invited to attend the Osage Community. We didn't mind the half hour drive to get there and knew that this group was important to help keep alive what we experienced on the weekend. Our children also enjoyed the family activities of this group and made many new friends. As a family we attended the Iowa ME Campout and the ME Iowa Pig Roast. We had so much fun at these events and again we met many wonderful families. Several years ago we also joined the Charles City Community. Again, we found loving, faith filled couples to help keep us focused on our Sacrament. We continue to attend both communities and still feel deeply that community is important to our relationship.

If you need information on the Dubuque/Davenport Communities, visit the Community page on the Iowa ME Website: <http://www.iowa-wwme.org>

Whether you are recently encountered and have yet had the opportunity to attend community or have been away from community for a time, we know the communities listed on the webpage will welcome you. Why not give a Community meeting a try? Call the contact couple and find out when and where they are meeting.

If you have any questions about community, please contact us at lyleries@iowatelecom.net or at 641-364-5201. We are looking forward to serving the area in this new capacity.

Don't forget to invite couples and priests for the Feb. 8-10 weekend in Cedar Falls!

Des Moines Community Corner Cannon Fodder

On the prayer list. **Jerry Russell** died Sept. 6. Our prayers go out for Mary and the family.

Jean & Terry Smith's daughter is having complications in the 30th week of her pregnancy. We're praying that she can make it to the 35th week.

John Otte is slowed down with a herniated disc in his lower back. He and **Maria** had a good trip to visit Maria's family in Brazil. John thinks his back problem has been coming on a long time. He doesn't think anything he did in Brazil contributed.

You may remember that **Evie Nemec's** youngest sister in South Dakota passed away four years ago. Her husband, Evie's brother-in-law, died Sept. 8. So **Joe & Evie** made an unplanned trip to South Dakota.

Kindly pray for all these folk.

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