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EE Reunion and Social

Joe and Marites Kavanaugh held an EE Reunion and Social at their home on November 1st, 2003. The evening was fun for all and included wedding stories as well as information about the Catholic Engaged Encounter Organization. Chris and Michelle Dugdale brought along their beautiful new baby boy, Gibson, and Allan and Martha Primus entertained with their heavenly music. Congratulations to Jason and Angie Spenrath on winning the door prize of two Famous Players movie passes!

EE Trifold Goes On Tour

The fabulous new Prince George Engaged Encounter Trifold made its first appearance in the Immaculate Conception Parish in December. (Thank you Rob and Deb vanAdrichem for your fine work!) The Trifold was also present at the Bridal Extravaganza on January 25th and will work its way amongst PG & Mackenzie Parish's in January and February. Selected couples who have been through an EE Weekend experience will be saying a few words about their EE Experience at mass. For more information please contact Chris and Michelle Dugdale at (250) 962-6147.

PG To Host Upcoming Western District Meeting

The Western District Engaged Encounter Meeting is being held in Prince George on September 24th to 27th, 2004. PG Encounters will be seeking families to host for couples coming into town for the weekend. Volunteers will also be needed to help with the set-up and running of the weekend. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joe and Marites Kavanaugh at (250) 562-4695.

EE Weekends Update

2003 was a very successful year with over 40 couples participating in 2 weekends at Ness Lake Bible Camp. It is anticipated that 2004 will be just as great! The dates for 2004 have been confirmed and couples are invited to register by contacting Aaron and Kerri Svendsen at (250) 964-3056.

1st 2004 EE Weekend: May 7-9 @ Ness Lake Bible Camp

2nd 2004 EE Weekend: June 4-6 @ Ness Lake Bible Camp

What can YOU do? Get Involved!

Couples who have already attended an EE Weekend – We need your help! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chris & Michelle Dugdale at (250) 962-6147.

... or simply help us “spread the word”! If you know of any couples who are thinking about getting married, please let them know about your experience with Engaged Encounter and how it helped to prepare you for your lifelong marriage.

Special Comments:

Catholic Engaged Encounter (known as CEE) is an International organization founded in 1968 to offer a marriage preparation program to the Catholic Church. We are an independent non-profit organization run completely by volunteers.

CEE has grown since its founding from a few dozen couples and priests in just a few dioceses to several thousand working within the ministry to the pre-married. Engaged Encounter has moved from just several dioceses to almost all of the dioceses within the US and Canada.

CEE is in many countries throughout the world and other faith expressions have taken our material and adapted it to meet the needs of their engaged couples.

Our presenting couples come from every walk of life, from the highly trained professional to the unskilled, but they all have one thing in common in that they believe in their marriages and the commitment they made on their wedding day.

Treat Your Partner To ROMANCE On Valentines Day...

Fun Places To Leave Love Notes!

Let's face it, no matter what mood you're in, it's always a delightful surprise to find a hidden love note somewhere. The next time you want to show your amorous side, think about leaving a little "I love you" or a "You're sexy!" love note someplace special and unexpected. For ideas on where to place them, see below:

1. Inside your partner's towel.
2. Inside a book your love is currently reading.
3. Taped behind a cupboard.
4. Behind your partner's car sun visor.
5. On their pillow.
6. Inside their shoe.
7. Taped to their favorite beverage.
8. The bottom (outside) of a clear glass.
9. Hanging on a doorknob.
10. Taped on the backside of the remote control.
11. Inside the microwave. (Where they'll immediately see it.)
12. Inside your partner's wallet or purse.
13. Laminated in a bubble bath.
14. Very large, taped on an outside window.
15. Attached to your love's key chain.
16. In your mailbox.
17. On the ceiling, above your bed.
18. In your partner's drawer.
19. Inside a CD or movie sleeve.
20. Inside your love's favorite coffee cup.



Breakfast In Bed Ideas

Breakfast in bed is an often overlooked romantic luxury. The idea of your partner getting up before you just to surprise you with a wonderful morning treat is simply decadent. Unfortunately, not everyone is most creative in the kitchen... or in the morning! To help make your breakfast in bed occasion as smooth and romantic as possible here is a list of helpful ideas.

Quick and Easy Food Ideas:

- Cut up pieces of fresh fruit.
- Strawberries cut in half make heart shapes!
- Muffins made from a mix or from a local bakery.
- Bagels and different flavored cream cheese.
- Danishes from a bakery.
- Pancakes made from a mix.
- Just before taking the pancakes off the griddle, write I love you with syrup. Or make them heart shaped.
- Get a heart shaped waffle iron and make waffles.
- Coffee
- Juice
- For the really easy way, order breakfast from a nearby restaurant and go pick it up. :)

Romantic Touches:

- Hide a love poem, letter or quote under the plate.
- Have a single rose or flower laying on the tray or plate.
- Make it a whole day of pampering and include heart shaped love coupons.
- Bring their favorite magazine or newspaper.
- Give them a foot massage while they are eating.

To the love of my life,

When I look into your eyes, I know there is a bond between us that no one can break, the look you give me with those eyes when you think I'm not looking is all I need to know that you're the one for me. When I look in your eyes, I see the love that abides deep within your soul; they tell me you love me in so many ways than just one. When two people love each other, they don't look at each other; they look in the same direction.

Happy Valentines Day from your loving partner!