



# C.E.E. Western District Newsletter

Representing the Catholic Engaged Encounter Communities of Western Canada

***“Working to nourish, to encourage, and to call forth the very best in our CEE communities...”***

## Marriage Prayer:

*Lord, help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us.*

*To work that love into practical things so that nothing can **divide** us.*

We ask words both kind and loving and hearts always ready to ask forgiveness as well as forgive.

Dear lord, we put our marriage into your hands.

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## A Refection

In 2008 we marked 40 years of Marriage.

We were able to celebrate with our immediate family and friends at a social organized by our children in June and we choose to attend “A Family Reunion” in Wichita, Kansas with our huge “EE family” in the fall.

*Thank you, Lord, for blessing our lives with such good friends.*

*We want to always treasure them and return the joy and companionship they bring us by giving them our love and unfailing loyalty.*

*Teach us, Lord, how to always treat our friends with kindness and understanding.*

By: D & S Marchand

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***Important Date*** BYOC\*

**Next Western District Meeting:  
Prince George: July 10-12, 2009**

\* Bring your own camper

***Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2009***

## Keeping Our New Years Resolution to Western District:

We still have a vision or desire to have **all** the communities of West District participate in the enrichments and blessings that can be enjoyed from an “EE Convention”

**“So, we are resolved to be in Seattle in 2010.”**

## Don & Sharon’s Ramblings:

If there is something that Sharon and I have come to appreciate in life; it is that “change is inevitable”. We need only look in the mirror to be convinced or look into the minutes of our last Western District Meeting. Let us recap some of them.

- We have another logo for our use.
- The remittances per couple are increasing to \$17.00 in January of 2009. This increase is to insure that the coordinators cost of attending the biennial National Conferences are covered within our annual budget.
- Western District has moved to an 8 month meeting cycle.
- The EE Outline is under review, so we’ll **all** be rewriting in the near future. – The Church’s Teaching and the “WED” format are not changing.
- We commented previously about how we are now seeing EE Pens, EE notebooks, quality brochures, and handouts. The term coined at the Wichita conference is **“engaging the engaged.”**



New Logo and meet a new EE member: Nadia May Lennox from P.G. who was born at 6:54am on Nov. 1 (8 lbs 3 oz) to Anita and Ross. (Wicked!)



Bill Smith

A man walked out into the street and managed to get a taxi just going by. What luck, he thought as he slid into the cab. "Perfect timing," the cabbie said. "You're just like Bill."

"Who?" the guy queried "Bill Smith. Now, There's a guy who did everything right," the cabbie said.

"Like my coming along when you needed a cab. It would have happened like that to Bill every time." "Nah," the man said to the cabbie, "There are always a few dark clouds over everybody."

"Not Bill," said the cabbie. "He was a terrific athlete. He could have gone on the pro tour in tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and he danced like a Broadway star." "Bill was really something, huh?" "Oh, yeah," continued the cabbie. "Bill had a memory like a trap; He could remember everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which fork to eat with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse and the whole neighborhood blacks out."

"No wonder you remember him," the man said.

"Well, I never actually met Bill," said the cabbie.

"Then how in the world do you know so much about him?"

"I married his widow," replied the cabbie.



Canada represented by our **CEE National Executive Trio, Bernie & Ginette Charbonneau & Fr. Steven Collins** have submitted the song "We're ready for the Journey" as a theme song for CEE internationally. It apparently is being considered along with other nominated songs. Here are the words:



**We're ready for the Journey**



*"We're ready for the journey  
Ready now to follow you  
Our hearts are broken open  
So let your love come  
Rushing through  
And bring us back again"*

We leave the past in ashes Our worries left behind And take a leap of faith From darkness into light And now the word is spoken With manna we are fed So we dare to take the challenge On the road that lies ahead	Look into the heavens And gaze upon the stars Believe that God is with us To protect us and provide So let us go together As daughters and as sons With the gifts you've given We celebrate your love
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(Dedicated in memory of Michelle Rochette-Dupiis) and with permission from Nancy Beaudette c/p Grace Ministries

***Enrichment:***

We were fortunate enough to attend a workshop at the Wichita conference titled "**Adventures in Work Shopping.**" It was facilitated by a couple, Richard ♥ Barbara Lewandowski, and we were led on a journey to discover the "**Gems in our Relationship.**"

We were intrigued by the content and the manner in which we were allowed to explore our life's story. Interesting, the best way we can "**engage the engaged**" is to share our life's story.

We have gathered the materials and we are making ourselves available to host an enrichment on this topic. It requires ¾ of a day in time and is it open to all couples, not just team.

***Fee Remittances:***

Revised to \$17.00 per couple for 2009. Send together with the stats to the WD Finance Couple – Doug ♥ Katrina Vince 102-8484 162<sup>nd</sup> St. Surrey, BC V4N 1B4 - Tel: 604 -585-1595

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PLEASE PRAY EVERY FRIDAY REMEMBERING CEE WEEKENDS AROUND THE WORLD. For a listing of the EE weekends go to [icee.statistics@yahoo.com](mailto:icee.statistics@yahoo.com)

With our Love, Prayers: Fr. Paul ♥ Sharon ♥ Don