



# 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...”*

## Wedding Prayer of the Bride and the Groom for Each Other

Lord Jesus, grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony.

May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths. Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of self.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You through our love for each other. Let our love grow to perfection. Amen

*A Reflection:* In January 2009 we were able to celebrate a special weekend with our community. It was the anniversary of “**thirty years of EE**” in Edmonton. Joining us on the weekend were Rob & Carol Taylor; a couple who had shared in the January 1979 weekend. As a team we all wrote and shared our memories of journeying with the movement over the years. It was very emotional and rewarding to hear how EE had touched everyone's lives in different ways. Yet the common theme was how we have become a family

*Lord, we thank you for our EE friends.*

By: D & S Marchand



*A love wish to you this Valentines*

**Important Dates:** Next Western District Meeting is set for **Prince George: July 10-12, 2009** and Ross & Anita are expecting us.

We can confirm that the “**Seattle 2010 Conference**” is set for **October 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**. We have been in contact with the convention committee and they indicated that they are able to work our WD Meeting requirements into the conference period.

The next **Canadian National Meeting** is set for **August 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at Pierrefonds Quebec**. We have our tickets booked.

### *Important Stuff to Consider:*

**Nominations** for leadership within the **CEE National Executive** are going to be considered at the August, Canadian National Meeting,. If your community is nominating a trio please send us their resume and acceptance.

At our last WD meeting an eight month cycle for our meetings was approved. As it turns out we have a meeting in July 2009 and another for October 2010 (14 months apart). The mid point between these dates is near end of February or early March 2010. Give some consideration to either foregoing a meeting or not. If your WD community desires to have a mid-meeting, is their a community willing to act as host?

### *Don & Sharon's Ramblings:*

It is very interesting that most firms and organizations consider positions for their past chairperson or past president, etc. Are we setting out to pasture some very valuable recourses by not including “past coordinators” as part of each communities executive team? We pose this question for the communities to reflect on. This may be an agenda item for each Community, District and National to consider.

## Blonde joke of a different gender .....

A short tempered Irishman, an excitable Mexican and a blond guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building.

They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, "Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building."

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, "Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too."

The blond opened his lunch and said, "Bologna again. If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too."

The next day the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage and jumped to his death. The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a burrito and jumped too. The blond guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, "If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!"

The Mexican's wife also wept and said, "I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated burritos so much."

Everyone turned and stared at the blonde's wife.

"Hey, don't look at me," she said, "He makes his own lunch."

## *Emails From our national team:*

Hi everyone

We received this letter from Priska and Vincent, coordinators of RCF, with father Gilles Bédard. Please keep Fr.Gilles in your prayers.

*I am writing to you to say that Gilles had a problem with his heart last week. In fact, without assistance, he would have died. He is in complete rest for three months and is not to receive any visitors for a few days. I would like you to withdraw his name from your mailing list so that he won't stress seeing his mailbox filling. He is responsible for 4 parishes. His work load is enormous.*

Hello everyone,

<http://www.rcfcanada.org/special%20private/htm/newsletters.html>

we have posted our newsletter on the national website. Please visit and take a look. There will be more information coming as we get the time to translate and post in French at the same time.

Please send this to all the communities reminding them of the user name " encounter' and the pass word " amial" ( **a marriage is a lifetime**)

Have a great week!

Bernard & Ginette

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## *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 open to all couples, not just team.

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## *Fee Remittances:*

Fees have been 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.

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