

*Dear beloved parish family,*

*We would like to share a little bit about our experience last weekend when we were away. While we called it a marriage retreat, it was actually a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWMÉ) weekend. It wasn't counseling or therapy. It was a weekend focused on sharing with each other our deepest hopes and feelings, so we can be the best version of ourselves together.*

*As described in the Encounter literature, the hope is for couples to live their best life in love, forming lasting, supportive, and transformational marriages. WWMÉ is not only about transforming the individual marriage. It is rooted in the Catholic tradition that the family is the domestic church. By building up and supporting marriages, couples can transform the relationships around them and strengthen the universal church.*

*During the weekend, we were reminded to appreciate our differences, communicate more intimately, and listen to each other in a new way. All founded in understanding God's desire for our marriage and what that means for the world.*

*For over fifty years, WWMÉ has helped millions of couples around the globe unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." It was an incredible gift for us to spend that time together, a gift that we would like to share with you. Please see either of us to learn how to register for your own WWMÉ weekend, and come to a deeper love for you and your spouse to share.*

*Love,*

*Deacon Todd and Erin*