



Dear Lovers,

We are excited to announce World Priest Day (WPD) 2007 sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a day or several days to rejoice in the Sacrament of Holy Orders on the last Sunday of October to coincide with Serra Club's Priesthood Sunday. Whatever we do in our local area can occur the week preceding or following October 28, 2007. WPD focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests and building of relationships between couples and priests.

We encourage our community to develop one or more experiences to affirm all priests (encountered or not) in our diocese. The WPD celebration can be as simple as sending a card or having dinner with your pastor or associate. Consider having your sharing group create and deliver gift baskets, candy bars and or coffee mugs filled with goodies to all the priests in your vicinity. The most important thing is that it is a special occasion for reaching out and developing greater awareness and appreciation of our priests.

We are anxious to see how our community will develop ideas to make WPD and Priesthood Sunday, [www.priestsunday.org](http://www.priestsunday.org), an opportunity to begin or to continue actively supporting and caring for priests. For some of us, this may be one of many continued experiences. For others, this can be a chance to explore saying, "we value and love you" our priests who enrich us at church and through their friendship.

The World Priest Day "Celebration Starter Kit" is available online at [wpd.wwme.org](http://wpd.wwme.org) and contains ideas and resources for us as couples and for our WWME community to reach out to our priests. It's just a start for our own dreaming.

We encourage you to contact your local Serra Club and collaborate in your effort to affirm priests.

Love you all,

*Norm & Judy and Father Bernie*