



## ANNOUNCING World Priest Day (WPD) 10/28/2007

Do you remember the experience of the priest on your “weekend?” Do remember the closeness you felt when he shared feelings from expectations, disappointments and joys in his life? *As he shared his feelings of isolation and joy* through dialogue, do you remember the closeness you experienced with him as a person? As we prepare for World Priest Day (WPD), we encourage you to remember that closeness you felt with that very real, very human person, your priest.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring World Priest Day the last Sunday of October 2007 (October 28, 2007) to coincide with Serra Club’s Priesthood Sunday, [www.priestsunday.org](http://www.priestsunday.org). WPD focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests and building of relationships between couples and priests. It is a day or several days to rejoice in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. On this day, or during the week preceding or following it, Encountered couples in local communities across the country are encouraged to develop one or several experiences to affirm all priests (encountered or not). This will be a unique occasion for reaching out to priests.

The 2007 “Starter Kit” is now available at the WPD website. This “Starter Kit” suggests ways for a couple and a community to reach out to priests. Don’t limit yourself to what is contained in the kit. This is only a beginning of what can happen. Check our WPD web site, [wpd.wwme.org](http://wpd.wwme.org), for ideas from across the country. As the WPD National Coordinating Team, we hope to hear about the ideas you and your community created to affirm our precious priests. WPD received wonderful coverage in many diocesan periodicals last year. Please let us know if there are other opportunities for coverage.

Please know that we share our affirmation of priests and support for vocations along with the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America, Serra Clubs and all Catholics. They are supportive of WWME’s sponsorship of World Priest Day and we are hoping you will coordinate your efforts with theirs.

Have a great time celebrating World Priest Day!

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