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Dear Area Leaders,

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will celebrate World Priest Day on Sunday, October 31, 2010, the same day the Serra Club will observe Priesthood Sunday. The mission and purpose of World Priest Day is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholics to thank, affirm, and share their love and support for priests.

A letter has been sent to all Bishops and Diocesan Family Life Directors in the nation. However, we believe the responsibility to promote World Priest Day rests primarily with encountered couples because Worldwide Marriage Encounter established World Priest Day to emphasize our ongoing appreciation and love for priests.

We are counting on you to provide leadership and motivate your team community and other encountered couples in your area to make sure priests (both encountered and not yet encountered) are affirmed and recognized in some special way on this day. Please get the attached memo to all encountered couples in your area.

The website wpd.wwme.org has suggestions and information to help make this year's celebration of World Priest Day the best ever. On the website, open the "2010 WPD Celebration Starter Kit". In it, there is a News Release for your diocesan newspaper, Celebration Suggestions, a Community Presentation Outline, a 24 Hour Prayer Focus, a Blessing for a Priest and a World Priest Day Prayer among other celebration ideas and aids. We ask for your enthusiastic and passionate support for World Priest Day by energizing your team community and other encountered couples and giving them direction and ideas for its celebration. And after the day's celebrations and activities are complete, let us know what happened using the feedback form on the Website.

Our Love,

Norm ♥ Judy Father Bernie

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Attached: Memo for Encountered Couples