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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I once heard a speaker talk about what helps married couples grow strong in their relationship. He pulled out a single strand of twine, grabbed both ends and then pulled until the twine broke. He then added a second strand of twine which made it harder for him to break. Then, he added a third strand. The three strands, now wound together, were too strong to break.

Married couples who live their lives separately as individuals, easily break apart. Even those couples who do strive to live a married life can struggle because of pressures within their day-to-day worlds. It is by keeping Christ central to their relationship (like the third strand) and integrating him into married life, that a marriage remains sacramental and strong. Keeping a marriage sacramental and strong involves ongoing maintenance and the effort is worth it. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience has something in it for every married couple. The Experience provides couples tools to strengthen their relationship, like combining strands of twine.

I am writing this letter to encourage married couples in the Diocese to make a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be in Billings, February 3rd through February 5th at Mary Queen of Peace Parish.

There are several opportunities to attend a weekend encounter:

February 3 – February 5: MQP, Billings, MT

April 21 – April 23: This will be held at the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel, Elk Mountain, WY.

June 9 – June 11: A third Experience will be at the Great Northern Hotel, Malta, MT.

November 3 – November 5: Finally, there is a fourth Experience in Ucross, WY.

As married couples, this is a wonderful gift to offer to each other in this New Year.

For more information or to apply visit www.wwme.org.

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In Christ,

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