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New United States Ecclesial Team Selected for Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Nov. 12, 2012 /[Christian Newswire](#)/ -- Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original faith based marriage enrichment program, recently selected a new United States leadership team. The new United States leadership team is Ron & Judy Pekny from Forth Worth, TX and Fr. Rocky Grimard, OMI from Willimantic, CT.

"We are very pleased that Ron & Judy and Fr. Rocky are leading Worldwide Marriage Encounter's efforts in the United States. They share our vision to renew the Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders, and to help implement the US Catholic Bishop's Pastoral Initiative on Marriage by supporting marriage enrichment programs in parishes across the country," said Scott & Karen Seaborn, the Worldwide Marriage Encounter North American Secretariat leadership team.

Ron & Judy have been involved in WWME since 1975. They have served in many leadership capacities at the local, regional and national levels. Ron is a senior engineering manager for major airline and Judy takes care of one of their five grandchildren. They have been married for 48 years.

Fr. Rocky Grimard is a Priest of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and is currently serving at the Immaculata Retreat Center in Willimantic, CT. He has been active in WWME since 2008. He has served in leadership since that time in several capacities. Fr. Rocky has ministered to God's people as a priest for 21 years.

"This is an exciting time to serve our movement and our Catholic Church" said Ron, while Judy added that "it seems our entire Church is recognizing the urgency of promoting strong Christian marriage." Fr. Rocky said "I feel honored and privileged to be selected to lead with Ron & Judy. We hope to expand our programs in the United States. This is a blessed time for our country."

Worldwide Marriage Encounter recently celebrated its 44th anniversary and its presence in just under 100 countries makes it the largest pro-marriage movement in the world. In the United States, the movement is divided into 20 sections based on geography and language (English, Spanish and Korean). Ron & Judy and Fr. Rocky will lead the United States portion of this worldwide movement.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers married couples the opportunity to spend time together away from the busyness of the world to focus on each other. It offers tools for building and maintaining a strong, Christian marriage in today's world. To learn more about the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends online, go to www.wwme.org or you can call 1-800-795-Love or contact the WWME National Office at (909) 863-9963.

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