

TESTIMONY

Dear couple and priest of W.W. Marriage Encounter,

The Ecclesial Team of District 2, Jean-Victor & Elise Lachance and Father Claude Côté, came to visit last June. They had a special offering. A surprise, a gift.

At first, we didn't believe what we were hearing. They were proposing that we replace them at the District 2. How could that be...? There must be more competent couples than us. We didn't understand. Why us? As we were listening, they were telling us that we responded to the criteria of selection. They were saying: You have been chosen. You have been team leaders for a long time and more over you are bilingual, which will facilitate communication at the various meetings.

I looked at my husband and I saw a sparkle in his eyes which told me he was enticed by the idea. Our friends kept talking about the meetings coming up with the North American Secretariat. Looking at my husband, I realized that it was worthless to try to find excuses to refuse this offer. In my heart these last months I was feeling an emptiness and this opportunity was the answer to my dilemma. This challenge was a divine calling for our couple to get up and do our best. We were too comfortable and too relaxed in our chairs. We had a loving task to do.

I felt the enthusiasm of my husband as he revelled in the narrative of travel and meeting new persons. The more I thought about this challenge, I could see clearly all of our achievements aligned in a divine manner by our Lord in such a way that we were exactly where we should be. It was God in his kindness, who was reaching his hand to us.

Even if it was demanding, we knew in our hearts that God would be with us all the way. We accepted and a few weeks passed and we went to the meetings in Houston, with our mentors. Four days of meetings, talking to new couples and priests and a lot of listening was a bit overwhelming. Nevertheless it was interesting and informative. It was a captivating experience as if a whole new world was opening for us. So much to take in.

At the end of the Sunday morning mass, the District 2 was offered the gift of the Elijah Cup for a whole year. This sacred cup is to remind us to pray for vocations, especially religious and priesthood. We have been talking about Marriage Encounter and presenting this Cup and asking for prayers for vocations. We emphasize that we are a Catholic Mouvement of the Church.

We are conscious of our mission that awaits us in WWME and more precisely in District 2 and closer to home in the Atlantic region. We look at this work as one of motivation and transmitting information and working together. It is with a lot of enthusiasm that we begin our mandate.

Every day we pray for the World Wide Marriage Encounter Family, AVivre et Aimer@ and the Church. We pray with the Elijah Cup for vocations of priesthood and religious orders. We give praises to God for all that he gives us. We feel blessed to have been chosen. We have confidence that God will guide us. With Him, things that seem impossible in our eyes, are made POSSIBLE. Alleluia!

We love you,
Louis-Marcel & Andréa Daigle
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