

## **World Wide Marriage Encounter Military Outreach Program**

With the approval and encouragement of Archbishop O'Brien, the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement (WWME) has initiated an outreach program to all military installations throughout the world.

The project was proposed by Dave & Lucy Snyder and Father Dennis Hughes, the leaders of the WWME movement in the southeastern States of the United States. They wrote to Archbishop O'Brien and proposed this initiative. He gave it his enthusiastic approval and asked Bishop John Kaising to work with the Snyders.

Bishop Kaising has been very involved with WWME since 1978 when he made his Marriage Encounter weekend in Birmingham, Alabama while stationed at Ft. McCellan. Dave & Lucy were there with him and were instrumental in asking the Bishop to go on a weekend. Dave & Lucy are a retired military family and know the value of the weekend for military couples.

The National Secretariat of the WWME movement here in the United States is backing this initiative. Gary & Marcia Daigle and Father Tom Frank, who are working with the Marriage Encounter communities throughout the country, are spearheading this project on a national basis. Each priest in the military was recently sent a packet announcing this project. In that packet was a letter from Bishop Kaising and the Snyders explaining the idea. The Encounter folks hope this really takes off in our military communities.



Fr Dennis Hughes and Dave & Lucy Snyder