

WHAT IS AN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND?

It is a weekend away, with other engaged couples, which allows plenty of private time to plan your marriage. It is designed to give you the opportunity to talk honestly and intensively about your prospective life together—your strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, attitudes about money, sex, children, family, your role in the Church and in society—in a face-to-face way.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

It is for engaged couples who have a definite commitment to one another. The weekend is primarily for couples being married in the Catholic Church, including those planning an interfaith marriage. The weekend is also open to couples planning a Christian marriage in another Church, and is approved by the Joliet Diocese as a marriage preparation program.

IS IT A SENSITIVITY COURSE? A RETREAT?

Definitely not. It is very low key with the emphasis on quiet time with your fiancé. There are no group dynamics. The Encounter is specifically designed for communication between the two of you.

WHAT HAPPENS AT AN ENCOUNTER?

Through a series of ideas presented by a team of married couples and a priest, an environment is created to allow you to talk privately with each other on all aspects of married life—always from the viewpoint of your own relationship. Personal reflection and communication are the main focus of the weekend with communal meals and Sunday Liturgy providing group participation. It is a working weekend, not a vacation.

WHERE AND WHEN?

Weekends are currently held at the St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center in Romeoville, Illinois. Reservations are limited to approximately 25 couples per weekend. The phone number listed below will provide dates and space availability upon request. All parishes are advised of the yearly schedule.

The Encounter weekend begins at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, and ends no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. A weekend stay is necessary to maintain the atmosphere generated by the Encounter, and frees you from any distractions.

For information on or reservations for Spanish Engaged Encounter Weekend, contact The Center for Family Ministry at (815) 838-5334.

WHAT IS THE COST?

A \$65.00* nonrefundable deposit is required to reserve a place on the weekend, with the balance of \$100.00* per couple due on Friday night at registration.

This cost includes room and board. A request for a voluntary donation will be made at the end of the weekend for the continued growth of the program.

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Checks should be made payable to:
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

The Catholic Engaged Encounter Info Line:
630-375-7072

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER DATES

2010 Weekend Dates
Feb 19-21 Mar 19-21
Apr 23-25 May 21-23 Sept 17-19
Oct 15-17 Nov 19-21 Dec 17-19

ENGAGED COUPLE WEEKEND RESERVATION FORM

(Please print)

All information **must be complete.**
We would like to attend an Engaged Encounter weekend. Enclosed is our \$65.00 deposit.

Weekend date desired:

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Bride _____ **Age** _____

Address _____

City _____ **St** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

Religion _____

Groom _____ **Age** _____

Address _____

City _____ **St** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

Religion _____

Please indicate to whom all correspondence should be sent: ___Bride ___Groom

Place of Wedding Ceremony _____

Wedding Date _____

Full Name of Priest/Deacon Handling Arrangements: _____

Sponsor Couple (if Applicable): _____

Second Marriage for either? ___Yes ___No

Make deposit payable to:
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Send check and form to:
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