

**A WEDDING
IS A DAY...
A MARRIAGE
IS A
LIFETIME**

**COMMENTS FROM COUPLES
WHO HAVE ATTENDED AN
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER IN
THE JOLIET DIOCESE**

“We became closer not only to each other, but to God and to the new friends we made on the weekend.”

“Before we arrived on Friday night, we thought we had talked about everything. We were SO wrong!”

“The time away was GREAT. We were really able to focus on ourselves and our upcoming marriage”

“This is one of the greatest weekends we’ve had; we heard about marriage in a positive way”

“We appreciated the way team couples shared some of their own lives with us. The real life examples made us feel more prepared for our marriage”

“We really realized that we were preparing for a Sacrament in our Church.”

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	
2011 DATES	2012 DATES
Sept 9-11 Oct 7-9 Nov 11-13 Dec 9-11	Feb 10-12 Mar 16-18 Apr 13-15 May 18-20
	Sept 7-9 Oct 12-14 Nov 16-18 Dec 7-9

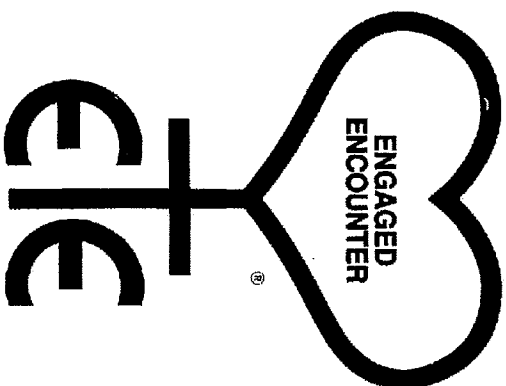


CENTER FOR FAMILY MINISTRY
JOLIET DIOCESE
101 W. Airport Rd.
Romeoville, IL 60446
(815) 838-5334



**CATHOLIC
ENGAGED
ENCOUNTER**

A weekend retreat
approved by the
Joliet Diocese for
Marriage
Preparation.



A chance to step
away from your
hectic schedule to give
you and your fiancé
the focus and the time
your relationship
deserves

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, not your wedding day. It is designed to give you the opportunity to talk honestly and intensively about your prospective life together -- 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 WOULD BENEFIT?

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 GROUP RETREAT?

Definitely not. It is very low key with the emphasis on quiet time with your fiancé. There are very limited mandatory group dynamics. The Encounter is specifically designed for communication between the two of you.

Through a series of ideas presented by a team of married couples, 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 with some interaction with other couples.

WHERE AND WHEN?

Weekends are currently held at the St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center in Romeoville, Illinois. Reservations are limited to approximately 30 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 pm on Friday, and ends no later than 4:00 pm on Sunday. A weekend stay is necessary to maintain the atmosphere generated by the Encounter which 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 \$95.00* 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.

**subject to change*

Checks should be made payable to:
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please call the Catholic Engaged Encounter info line at (630) 375-7072 or email to jolietee@comcast.net.
To register online go to www.ccejoliet.org

ENGAGED COUPLE WEEKEND RESERVATION FORM

(Please Print)

All information must be complete.
We would like to attend an Engaged Encounter weekend.
Enclosed is our \$95.00 deposit.

Weekend date desired:
1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bride _____ Age _____
Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____
Religion _____
Email _____

Groom _____ Age _____
Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____
Religion _____
Email _____

Please indicate to whom all correspondence should be sent:
 Bride Groom
 Please indicate how all correspondence should be sent:
 Email U.S. Mail
 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 to:
Brian and Melissa Gordon
14765 S. Heathcliff Rd.
Homer Glen, IL 60491
Attn: Engaged Encounter