



# ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

## WHAT IS AN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER?

Is a weekend experience where couples planning marriage have the time together to concentrate on each other, free of the tensions, pressures and interruptions of daily life. It is a designed to give couples an opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about heir future life together. Self identity, role expectations of each other, money, sex, children, family and religion are some of the topics of face-to-face dialogue with one's partner.

Engaged Encounter is one of the instructional programs for marriage preparation sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. If one or both persons have been married previously, it is recommended that they attend New Life program instead of Engaged Encounter.

## DO WE HAVE TO BE CATHOLIC?

The weekend is given by Catholic couples and a priest for those planning marriage in the Catholic Church. Mixed religion couples are welcome.

## WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE WEEKEND?

Through a series of talks based on the lived experience of the team of married couples and the priest, the engaged couple is encouraged to discuss privately all aspects of married life –always from the viewpoint of their own unique relationship. Each talk is followed by private reflection time... and this is followed by dialogue with one's fiancé. The focus is on the couple and their private sharing group; sharing is minimal and never mandatory. During the weekend there is time provided for questions , open discussion, prayer and the Sunday liturgy.

## WHO IS ENGAGED ENCOUNTER FOR?

It is for engaged couples of any age who are committed to marry in the Catholic Church, and are mature enough to believe that their good relationship can become even better. Teaching better communication is a vital part of the weekend.

## IS THERE AN IDEAL TIME TO ATTEND?



Six to eight months prior to the wedding date.

## WHEN IS IT HELD?

Please refer to the enclosure or the website for dates. The Encounter begins on Friday at 7 p.m. and is completed on Sunday about 3 p.m. A weekend atmosphere of the weekend free from distractions. Separate housing is provided for men a women on Friday and Saturday nights.

## WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost for the weekend is \$195. This includes room and meals and is refundable only if the cancellation is made three weeks before the weekend. Make check or money order payable to Family Life Ministry



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## HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Please mail the registration form enclosed or downloadable from our website and your payment to:

Family Life Ministry  
Attn. Engaged Encounter  
2403 Holcombe Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77021-2023

Confirmation will include information on place and available date

Note: Due to the number of persons seeking reservations for Engaged Encounter, registration forms will be accepted by mail or fax on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations do not constitute a placement on the weekend until payment has been received

## WHERE DO WE HAVE TO CALL IF WE NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For more information, contact Family Life Ministry at (713) 741-8706 or send us an e-mail to [marriagePrepEnglish@archgh.org](mailto:marriagePrepEnglish@archgh.org) or a Fax to (713) 741-8775.

We also encourage you to visit our website [www.familylifehouston.org](http://www.familylifehouston.org)

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