

What do couples say about the Engaged Encounter weekend?

"This was one of the first times we were able to sit back and think and talk about the actual concept of marriage and what it means to us."

"We have a greater understanding of marriage as a Sacrament and the impact our marriage has on society as a whole. We also have a better understanding of God's presence in our relationship."

"We have a deeper understanding of each other and of the Sacrament of marriage that would not have been possible without this weekend."

"We became grounded in our relationship and were brought back to what really matters – our love, God and a new life together."

"EE reaffirmed our confidence and trust in our relationship and we will now begin to have an aspect of spirituality that was not there before."

Where else are Engaged Encounter weekends held?

EE weekends are held in many dioceses across the U.S. and in many foreign countries. Nearby weekends can be located by through the following resources:

Archdiocese of Boston, MA
www.bostonengagedencounter.org

Diocese of Worcester, MA
www.worcestercee.org

CEE of Lower Hudson Valley, NY
www.engagedencounterny.org

National Catholic Engaged Encounter:
www.engagedencounter.com

Archdiocese of Hartford

**CATHOLIC
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**



**A
Marriage Preparation
Retreat**

**"A Wedding is a day...
a Marriage is a lifetime."**

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Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend retreat for couples planning marriage in the Catholic Church who desire an in-depth opportunity to deepen and enrich their lives together. The weekend allows engaged couples to take a break from the hectic pace of daily living and focus on God's call to unite in the permanent bond of sacramental marriage. The atmosphere of the weekend nurtures a couple's awareness of themselves, their relationship and the building blocks needed for a successful marriage while exploring their values, goals, attitudes and beliefs about love, commitment, communication, decision-making, time, sexuality, family, faith, etc. The weekend fulfills diocesan requirements for marriage preparation.

What is the schedule of the weekend?

The weekend begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and ends Sunday afternoon. Weekends sponsored by Hartford EE are held several times a year and include meals and separate overnight accommodations. Weekends are also offered in other dioceses in Connecticut and New England.

What happens on the Engaged Encounter weekend?

A team of married couples, Priests, Religious Sisters or Brothers give a series of short presentations in which they share personally from their experiences on many areas of marriage and family life. After the presentations, each engaged couple is given time to individually reflect on how the topics discussed apply to their own lives and then share their thoughts privately with each other. There are a few group activities, a prayer service and Mass, but the focus is always on personal reflection and couple dialogue.

Why go on an Engaged Encounter weekend?

Simple...to help make your marriage the best that it can be! For over 40 years, Engaged Encounter has proven to be a powerful and positive influence on thousands of couples who strive to live out their vows of sacramental marriage. The weekend provides a setting for couples to affirm their love and develop tools to make a conscious decision to love one another each day of their lives. The gift of time together at an Engaged Encounter is truly priceless.

Where is the Engaged Encounter weekend held?

Our retreat weekends are held at

the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. All meals are provided.

When are local Engaged Encounter weekends held?

March 10-11, 2018
November 10-11, 2018

Where can I find more information?

Further information about Engaged Encounter, including registration information, can be obtained from the following sources:

Hartford CEE:
www.hartfordengagedencounter.com

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