



A WEDDING IS A DAY
A MARRIAGE IS A LIFETIME®



a time for growth,
for life, for love

Columbus, Ohio

2010

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2010 Engaged Encounter Weekend Schedule

| Dates | Location | Specific Information | Cost |
|----------------|---|--|-------|
| January 8-10 | St. Therese's Retreat Center Columbus, Ohio | Private sleeping with dorm style showers on the same floor. | \$215 |
| February 19-21 | Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center Heath, Ohio | Dorm style sleeping with dorm style showers on the same floor. | \$215 |
| April 9-11 | St. Therese's Retreat Center Columbus, Ohio | Private sleeping with dorm style showers on the same floor. | \$215 |
| June 11-13 | Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center Heath, Ohio | Dorm style sleeping with dorm style showers on the same floor. | \$215 |
| August 13-15 | Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center Heath, Ohio | Dorm style sleeping with dorm style showers on the same floor. | \$215 |
| Sept. 24-26 | Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center Heath, Ohio | Dorm style sleeping with dorm style showers on the same floor. | \$215 |

Register online at www.engaged.org

2010 Engaged Encounter Registration

| Her Information | His Information | Wedding Information |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| First Name | First Name | Date |
| Middle Initial | Last Name | Celebrant |
| Last Name | First Name | |
| Street Address | Last Name | |
| City | Church | |
| State | Name | |
| Zip Code | City | |
| Work Phone | State | |
| Home Phone | | |
| Email | | |
| Age | | |

Parish, Church, or Faith

IMPORTANT: Please enclose a check for the weekend cost made payable to **Engaged Encounter**. Send to: Engaged Encounter
1709 Fallhaven Dr. Columbus, Ohio 43235. 50% refunds are available if you cancel three weeks prior to the start of the weekend.

A WEEKEND OF BEGINNINGS

WHAT IS ENGAGED ENCOUNTER?

Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation program for couples who are committed to building a deep and long lasting marital relationship.

The weekend is an opportunity to put aside wedding plans, job issues, and day-to-day responsibilities to focus on your relationship. It is a time to share feelings, hopes, fears, joys and frustrations. It is NOT a retreat, counseling clinic or sensitivity course.

There's more to getting married than choosing a caterer and finding the perfect wedding dress. Marriage is one of the most life-changing and serious commitments you will ever make. It can also be one of the richest and most rewarding.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Engaged Encounter is designed for couples of all ages who are either engaged or considering marriage. It is an alternative to Diocesan and parish-based PreCana which satisfies the Catholic Church's marriage preparation requirement in the Diocese of Columbus. Although Catholic in origin and orientation, it is open to couples of all faiths who seek to enrich their quality of life together. In fact, fifty percent of participating couples are inter-faith.

WHAT HAPPENS AT AN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER?

Engaged Encounter creates an atmosphere in which the couple can concentrate, without distraction, exclusively on their relationship. Presentations are given by married couples, which include personal sharing on marriage and family life. Each presentation gives the engaged an opportunity to reflect on their own relationship with each other, God, and the community around them. The emphasis of the weekend is the engaged couple's personal reflections with each other on the presentation subjects. The weekend begins the process of building a life together, a process which takes a lifetime to complete. The weekend closes on Sunday afternoon with Mass.

COMMUNICATION: LOVE IS A DECISION.

ARE THERE GROUP DISCUSSIONS?

Reflections on the presentations are strictly between the engaged couple. Invitations to share thoughts or opinions outside of this context are quite limited and purely voluntary.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

On the reverse side of this brochure is a schedule of dates, facilities and costs. The presenting couples are non-paid volunteers. The fee covers the expense of lodging for two nights, five meals, and materials for the engaged couple. No couple is turned away if cost is an issue; financial assistance is available. Please call for information.

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is essential to securing a place on the weekend of your choice. We encourage you to register online via our website at www.engaged.org or by using the form in this brochure. Once the registration and fee are received, a confirmation notice will be sent to the address indicated. About two weeks prior to your weekend, a map and instructions will be mailed to you. Many weekends fill up far in advance so we encourage you to register as early as possible.

CERTIFICATE

Your priest or deacon will ask for a copy of the certificate that we provide you. You must attend the entire weekend to receive this certificate.

Give yourselves the
gift of an entire
weekend designed
to explore and
deepen your love
relationship.