

A distinctly Catholic marriage preparation program designed to meet the needs of today's engaged couples.

Communication Needs

Modeled after Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Engaged Encounter introduces Engaged couples to a communication technique they can use effectively to foster a deeper knowledge of each other.

Spiritual Needs

During the weekend experience, couples come to realize that marriage is a Sacrament; a vocation and that God and prayer are essential components to a fruitful marriage.

Personal Needs

Each person is challenged to review the decision making process and to examine the motives for seeking marriage.

*STRONG CATHOLIC MARRIED COUPLES +
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER*

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*GODS PLAN FOR THE BEST COMBINATION OF
MARRIAGE PREPARATION.*

Because.....

A Wedding is a Day.....

A Marriage is a Lifetime.....

*Striving to be Best!
Engaged Encounter weekends are
offered in both **English** and **Spanish** in
the Diocese of Phoenix.*

**GET OXYGEN FOR YOUR
RELATIONSHIP, BECOME
PART OF THE ENGAGED
ENCOUNTER MINISTRY
TODAY!**

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

*The Very Best In
Marriage Preparation*



**JOIN OUR MINISTRY
AND BECOME A
TEAM COUPLE
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What is Engaged Encounter?

Engaged Encounter is a Diocesan approved, intense marriage preparation weekend offering engaged couples carved opportunity to question, examine and deepen their relationship and commitment with each other and with God.

Through a series of writing and sharing exercises, engaged couples are challenged to explore many aspects of their relationship. Throughout the weekend experience, couples actively engage in dialogue within three major areas encompassing 16 presentations. After each presentation, a series of questions are provided to each couple to reflect. Questions are then individually answered in writing. Writings are then exchanged and read by their future spouse. Time is allowed for the couples to share and reflect on their writings.

Some of the areas and topics covered in the presentations include:

- * Communications
- * NFP
- * Unity
- * Prayer
- * Marriage Readiness
- * Forgiveness
- * Careers
- * Family of Origin
- * Children
- * Decision Making
- * Sexual Intimacy
- * Sacrament

In addition to the many private sharing sessions between the couple which build their relationship, couples are also given time to interact with others in the group. There is a prayer service on Saturday evening, Sacrament of Reconciliation is usually offered and the weekend closes with a celebration of the Eucharist.

Although the Engaged Encounter experience is Christ centered, the main focus is on the development of the couple's relationship and how they relate to others including their church community.

E.E. and the Church

As an international organization, we respect and reflect the teachings of the Catholic Church. Presenters on the weekend, both married couples and clergy, have a strong commitment to keeping Christ a definite part of the weekend.

Throughout the world, weekends are presented based on the nationally approved outline which reflects relevance to today's life-styles, problems, and concerns. Since the basis of the weekend is a living document, the program never stales or loses its effect on the couples to whom we minister. Over the past quarter century, Engaged Encounter has been invited into Dioceses across the country and the world. In fact, the number of Bishops using Engaged Encounter as the preferred method of marriage preparation grows every year.



In 1992, Cardinal Trujillo, head of the Family Life Office for the Vatican, presented Engaged Encounter with a special message from Pope John Paul II proclaiming Engaged Encounter as a Vatican approved marriage preparation program. **We are the only universal marriage preparation program to earn that distinction.**

In practical terms, this means that couples ministered to by Engaged Encounter have a marriage preparation that is valid anywhere in the world.

Engaged Encounter is Step 3: Married Life Skills workshop required by the Diocese of Phoenix under the Covenant of Love 7 Step program.

We Need Your Help to Stay the Best!!

Get Involved

Contact your local E.E. coordinators listed on this brochure with names of strong Catholic couples who could serve as a presenting team of support couple. Is this couple you?

Become Engaged Encounter Team!

Engaged Encounter exists because married couples and Priests volunteer their time to share their life experiences with engaged couples. Team sharing's are personal stories and experiences combined with specific topical content in various married\vocational life topics.

Consider becoming part of the local community by presenting weekends as a team couple.

Observe a Weekend

We welcome you to observe a weekend so you have a thorough understanding of the program and how it affects the couples we minister to. This opportunity allows you to experience the weekend fully and to "test drive" our ministry before becoming involved. Weekend dates can be found on our websites.

Promote Engaged Encounter

Pray for the couples making the E.E. weekends in your weekend prayers.

Recommend a Priest

We have a shortage of priest's participation on our weekends. Priests are an essential part of the weekend and often enough; couples do not get to experience this because of our shortage. If you know of a priest that would be good fit for our ministry, please forward his name to your local coordinators listed on this brochure

Don't wait! Contact your local coordinators today to found out more about becoming involved with Engaged Encounter!