



Southern Illinois Engaged Encounter

THE WEEKEND



What is an Engaged Encounter?

It is a weekend with other engaged couples where an atmosphere is created in which each couple can concentrate exclusively on one another, free of the tensions, pressures and interruptions of the world. It is designed to give engaged couples the opportunity to honestly discuss their future lives together - their strengths and weaknesses, desires, goals, ambitions, their attitudes about money, sex, family, children, their role in the church and society - in a face to face way.

Who is it for?

It is for all couples planning marriage in the Catholic Church who desire a richer, fuller life together. Engaged Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich your relationship with each other. Interfaith couples and those entering a second marriage can also benefit from this weekend.

What happens at an Encounter?

A series of presentations are given by a team of married couples and a priest or deacon. Each presentation allows you and your fiancé an opportunity to look at yourselves as individuals, then to look at your relationship with one another, and finally to look at your relationship with God, the church and the world. Personal reflection and discussion between the future spouses, which follow the team presentations, are the main thrust of the weekend.

When are Engaged Encounters?

Engaged Encounters are held on various weekends throughout the year. Reservations are limited. The encounter weekend begins with registration on Saturday morning at approximately 8:00 am and concludes with Mass on Sunday at approximately 6:00 pm.

Upcoming Dates for 2010:

February 13-14
May 22-23
August 14-15
December 11-12

Where are Engaged Encounters held?

Weekends are held at The King's House in Belleville, IL (700 N. 66th Street) Each couple receives notification concerning the particulars of the Engaged Encounter a few weeks before the event.

How much does it cost?

The cost for the weekend is \$235 per couple. The entire amount is due at time of registration. The price includes meals, lodging and supplies. Each of you will have a private room and bath.

How do I register for an Engaged Encounter?

Press the "Register Online" button at the left side the page. This will open a 2 page PDF file. Page one will give you specific instructions on how to complete the form and make your payment. Page two is the actual form itself.