

WHAT IS ENGAGED ENCOUNTER?

Engaged encounter is a weekend where couples planning marriage have the time together to concentrate on each other, free from the tensions, pressures, and interruptions of daily life.

It is designed to give couples an opportunity to dialogue intensively and honestly about their 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 Diocese of Lubbock.

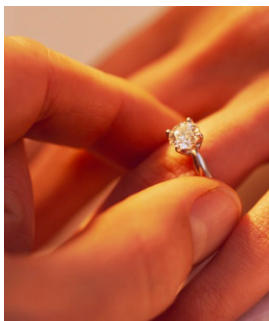
WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE WEEKEND?

Through a series of talks on the lived experiences of the team of married couples and a priest, the engaged couple is encouraged to discuss, privately, all the aspects of married life – always from the viewpoint of their unique relationship.

Each talk is followed by a private reflection time – and this is followed by dialogue with one's fiancée. 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, reconciliation, and the Sunday Liturgy.

"We realized over the weekend, that our life together is a blessing from God, and we will dedicate our marriage to Him."



IS THERE AN IDEAL TIME TO ATTEND?

Marriage guidelines for the State of Texas require that the marriage preparation be completed at least six months before the wedding if either of the parties will be under 19 years of age at the time of the wedding.

If the couple is 19 or over, the marriage preparation must be completed 60 to 90 days before the wedding.

Allow as much time as possible to attend the weekend before the wedding.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!



WHO IS ENGAGED ENCOUNTER FOR?

It is for engaged couples of any age who are committed to marry within the guidelines of the Roman 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.

WHEN IS IT HELD?

Please refer to the registration form for dates. The Encounter begins Friday evening at Mercy Retreat Center at 7:30 p.m. and is completed Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

A weekend stay is necessary in order to keep the atmosphere of the weekend free from distractions.

Separate accommodations are provided for men and women during the weekend.

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, DETACH AND MAIL

HIS NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME _____

OTHER _____

EMAIL _____

RELIGION _____ AGE _____



HER NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME _____

OTHER _____

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RELIGION _____ AGE _____

WEDDING DATE: _____

LOCATION: _____

AFTER WEDDING PHONE: _____

PRIEST: _____ PHONE _____

2012 - 2013 SCHEDULE

AT MERCY CENTER, SLATON

JUNE 1-3, 2012 APRIL 4-7, 2013

OCTOBER 12-14, 2012 MAY 31- JUNE 2, 2013

FEBRUARY 1-3, 2013 OCTOBER 11-13, 2013

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DATE _____ DEPOSIT \$ _____ BAL \$ _____

DEPOSIT DATE _____ CONFIRMATION SENT _____

HIS ROOM _____ HER ROOM _____

WHAT IS THE COST?

\$150 per couple.
Please pay in full with registration.
Includes rooms and meals.

When registering, send check or money order.
Refundable if cancellation is made within two (2) weeks before the encounter weekend.

Make check or money order payable to:
DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK: CEE

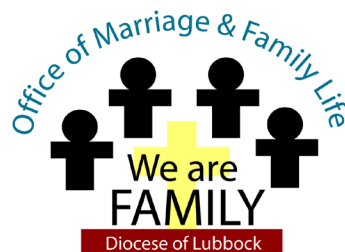
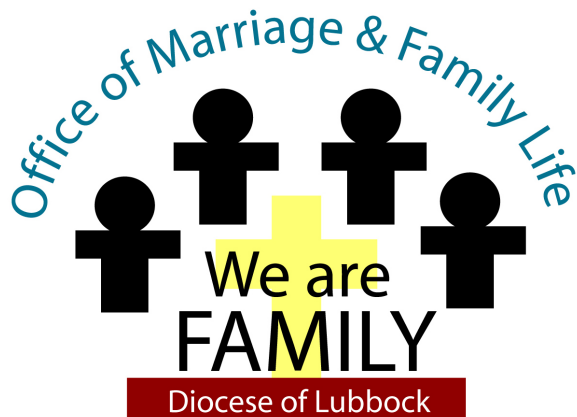
To register or for information contact your pastor or the Diocese of Lubbock Office of Marriage & Family Life:

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Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreats
conducted at:
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Slaton, Texas 79364



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**CATHOLIC
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
IN THE DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK**

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