

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

**A weekend retreat approved
by the Joliet Diocese for
Marriage Preparation**



**A chance to step
away from your
hectic schedule to give
you and your fiancé
the focus and the time
your relationship
deserves**

COMMENTS FROM COUPLES WHO HAVE ATTENDED AN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER IN THE JOLIET DIOCESE

"It really has opened our communication with one another. This was the missing piece in our relationship. This will enable us to grow stronger as a couple."

"I really believe this retreat brought our faith back into our lives."

"Every couple should experience this encounter weekend!! It has made us grow so much as a couple and made us connect on such a deeper level! I recommend to all!!!"

"Before we arrived on Friday night, we thought we had talked about everything. We were SO wrong!"

"The time away was GREAT. We were really able to focus on ourselves and our upcoming marriage"

"This is one of the greatest weekends we've had; we heard about marriage in a positive way."

"We appreciated the way the team couples shared some of their own lives with us. The real life examples made us feel more prepared for our marriage"



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

2014-2015 CEE Dates

3-day format:
2014: Nov 7-9

2015: Mar 6-8, May 15-17, Sep 11-13

2-day format:
2015: Feb 7-8, Apr 11-12, Nov 7-8



WHAT IS AN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND?

It is a weekend away, with other engaged couples, which allows plenty of private time to plan your MARRIAGE, not your wedding day. It is designed to give you the opportunity to talk honestly and intensively about your prospective life together -- strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, attitudes about money, sex, children, family, your role in the Church and in society -- in a face-to-face way.

WHO WOULD BENEFIT?

It is for engaged couples who have a definite commitment to one another. The weekend is primarily for couples being married in the Catholic Church, including those planning an interfaith marriage. The weekend is also open to couples planning a Christian marriage in another Church, and is approved by the Joliet Diocese as a marriage preparation program.

IS IT A SENSITIVITY COURSE? A GROUP RETREAT?

Definitely not. It is very low key with the emphasis on quiet time with your fiancé. There are very limited mandatory group dynamics. The Encounter is specifically designed for communication between the two of you.

Through a series of ideas presented by a team of married couples, an environment is created to allow you to talk privately with each other on all aspects of married life—always from the viewpoint of your own relationship. Personal reflection and communication are the main focus with some interaction with other couples.

WHERE AND WHEN?

Weekends will be held at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer, 9263 W. St. Francis Rd. in Frankfort, IL. Reservations will be limited to approximately 22 couples per weekend. The website listed below will provide dates and space availability. All parishes are advised of the yearly schedule.

For the 3-day weekends, the sessions will begin promptly at 8 PM on Friday and end by 4:00 PM on Sunday. For the 2-day weekends, the sessions will begin promptly at 8 AM on Saturday and end by 5:00 PM on Sunday. A weekend stay is necessary to maintain the atmosphere generated by the Encounter which frees you from distractions.

For information on or reservations for Spanish Engaged Encounter Weekend, contact The Hispanic Ministry Office at (815) 221-6246.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Please go to www.jolietee.org or leave a message at (815) 277-1112 to receive current cost information. The fee covers rooms and meals for each of you.

A request for a voluntary donation will be made at the end of the weekend for the continued growth of the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Send an email to: ceejoliet@gmail.com

Leave a message at: (815) 277-1112

To register and pay online go to:

www.jolietee.org

CEE Joliet Reservation Form

(Please Print)

All information must be complete.

Weekend date desired:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bride _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Religion _____ Age _____

Groom _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Religion _____ Age _____

Please indicate to whom all correspondence should be sent:

Bride _____ Groom _____

Place of wedding ceremony _____

Wedding Date _____

Full Name of Priest/Deacon Handling Arrangements _____

Sponsor Couple (if Applicable) _____

Second Marriage for either? Yes _____ No _____

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Make Deposit payable to:

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Send to:

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Attn: Engaged Encounter