

Office of Family Life



CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend retreat designed to assist in preparing couples for marriage in the Catholic Church. CEE is the only program that provides couples with an uninterrupted, extended period of time away from daily distractions while synthesizing key components of marriage preparation including:

- In depth and personalized presentations by married couples, priests and religious which target:

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

Self-awareness
Communication
Conflict Resolution
Financial Honesty
Decision-making
Forgiveness

CATHOLIC TEACHING

Unity and Intimacy
Marriage as Vocation
Marriage as Sacrament
Human Sexuality
Natural Family Planning
Stewardship

- Private individual and couple time following presentations for writing, reflection and discussion
- A retreat format allowing for team-participant relationships to grow and stimulate openness
- Mass and prayer services (*and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, based on priest availability*)

HISTORY

CEE grew out of the Marriage Encounter movement and began in Hartford in the 1970s. Used across the U.S. and internationally, *CEE* utilizes a national/international outline insuring program consistency in all *CEE* communities.

PROGRAM REVISION

The *CEE* outline has undergone a revision to ensure that the retreat program will catalyze results for today's engaged couples who come from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and life-experiences. As they prepare for marriage in the Church, the opportunity for evangelization is heightened as couples are often re-connecting to the Catholic faith.

UPCOMING 2017 WEEKENDS

WHEN: November 11-12 & March 11-12, 2017
WHERE: Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT
TIME: 7:30 am on Saturday - 3:00 pm on Sunday
COST: \$300.00 per couple

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