

What Is Marriage Encounter?

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience for a couple, which offers them a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It's an opportunity to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. Also, it's a time to share their feelings, their hopes, fears, joys and frustrations.

Marriage Encounter is a Catholic expression open to all happily married couples regardless of faith, race, age, education, or financial status.

Marriage Encounter is not a retreat, nor is it a marriage clinic or sensitivity course. It is not a time to look at the past, but rather to look to your future together. The weekend is a positive, simple, common sense experience between husband and wife, that revitalizes marriage by helping couples to see what their relationship could and should be.

Who Is Marriage Encounter For?

Marriage Encounter is for any couple who wants to enrich their marriage. The weekend is designed to expand and deepen the joys a couple share together whether they've been married for a short time or for many years. Marriage Encounter is also for priests and religious who want to revitalize their relationship with the people of God and develop an even deeper appreciation for their own vocation.

What Happens At A Marriage Encounter?

An atmosphere is created on the weekend in which the couple can concentrate exclusively on one another. A series of talks are given by a team of trained couples and a Priest. Each talk gives a husband and wife the opportunity to look at themselves as individuals, and to look at their relationship with each other, with God, and with others. Marriage Encounter starts with the love you have for your spouse and helps you to build, expand, and deepen that relationship. The weekend shows you the way to do this and provides you with the means-the rest is up to you! The only talent one must have to make a Marriage Encounter is the talent to love, and a desire to make a good marriage even better...

Does the Weekend Respect the Couple's Privacy?

Yes! Marriage Encounter emphasizes communication between husband and wife through a weekend experience, which is free of every day distractions and tensions. You concentrate on your spouse to such an extent that you are hardly aware of the other couples who are on the weekend. The presentations are given to the group as a whole. After each presentation the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their room for their own personal sharing using the communication technique they are learning on the weekend.

How Does a Marriage Encounter Enhance a Marriage?

The fundamental difference between marriages that are good, average, or poor is the level of communication between husband and wife. In all marriages, there are times when we take each other and our relationship for granted. The weekend presents each couple with the opportunity to get off the "Modern World Treadmill," to stop and to take a fresh look at the two of us, at our marriage, and at our priorities. We learn a communication technique which allows and encourages us to explore the important areas of our life together in a spirit of love and understanding. The weekend experience offers every couple the insights, the tools, and the confidence to enrich their marriage and to strengthen their love for one another. For many couples "Their Weekend" is one of the most significant experiences of their lives.

Do You Have To Be Catholic?

No! The weekend is presented by three Catholic couples and a Catholic Priest. It is Catholic in its theology of marriage as a Sacrament of the Church, but couples of all faiths can benefit from it and are encouraged to attend. A certain number of spaces are reserved each weekend for people of other faiths.

When and Where?

Marriage Encounter Weekends are held regularly at local motels and retreat houses.

How Long Does the Weekend Last?

The weekend begins on Friday evening at 8:00 and ends Sunday afternoon at 4:00. Meals are provided on the weekend. Mass will be on Sunday at the conclusion of the weekend.

What Does Marriage Encounter Cost?

A \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE confirms your food and lodging. At the end of the weekend, each couple is given a blank envelope and asked to make a donation. No one is ever refused the opportunity to make a weekend because of lack of funds.

Where Can We Find Out More about Marriage Encounter?

Your local Parish or Church can furnish you with additional information on Marriage Encounter or refer you to couples in your area. In addition, INFORMATION NITES are frequently held, which give couples the opportunity to learn more about the weekend and to chat with other couples who have experienced the Marriage Encounter.

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For more info or to sign up for a weekend,
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Marriage Encounter is the most successful and dynamic marriage enrichment experience in the world today.

Since its beginning in the United States in 1968, couples and priests have volunteered their time and energies to bring the Marriage Encounter Weekend to couples everywhere. Couples from all over the world have experienced the beauty and the gift of the weekend. They want to share that experience with you, because they found something worth passing on.

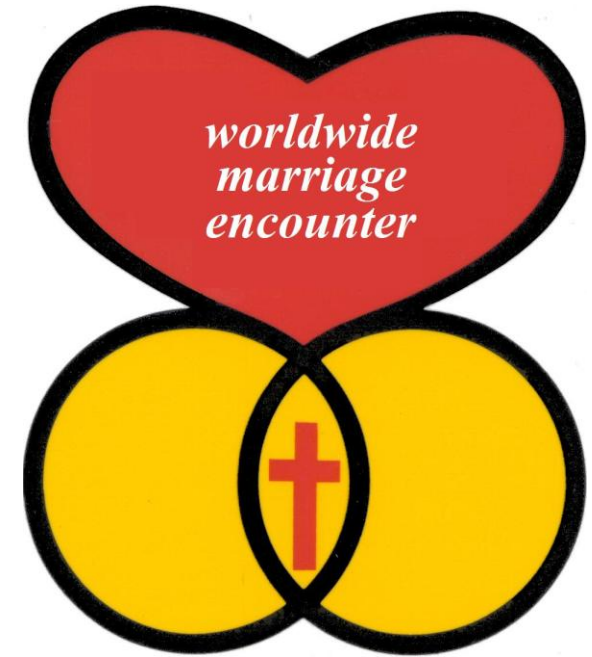
Some Reactions:

- "Bob and I no longer celebrate our wedding anniversary once a year. Since Marriage Encounter we celebrate our marriage every day!"
- "Mary and I have been married for 25 years and we thought we knew everything about each other. Thanks to Marriage Encounter we're really getting to know one another better."
- "We had a good marriage. There was nothing Tom wouldn't do for me, but I wanted more than that and got it. Marriage Encounter has given us a closeness we've never known before."
- "Before Marriage Encounter, all Jim and I ever talked about were the kids, his job, the house or money. Now we talk about us."

"I place much of my hope for the future in Marriage Encounter"

-Pope John Paul II

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