

*There are in the end three things  
that last:  
Faith,  
Hope,  
And Love;  
And the greatest of these is  
LOVE.*

*1 Corinthians 13:1*

We are a community of married couples and priests committed to working in the Catholic Church through a volunteer apostolate to the pre-married. Within this apostolate, we offer an experiential weekend retreat that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the vocation of marriage.



*A weekend of beginnings ...  
of planting seeds ...  
of opening doors.*

*Weekend Retreats*  
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Orange County, California

**Weekend Retreats**

Marriage Preparation  
for Engaged Couples



*A Wedding is a Day ...  
A Marriage is a Lifetime.*

**Does Engaged Encounter satisfy the Catholic Church's requirement for marriage preparation?**

Within the Diocese of Orange, Engaged Encounter is endorsed as fulfilling this requirement.

**Do I have to be Catholic to attend a weekend?**

No, but Catholic Engaged Encounter does present God as a focus for a successful marriage.

While the weekend will be presented in a Catholic expression of faith, each weekend is open to couples of all faiths. The opportunities of the weekend go well beyond the boundaries of any one faith expression. We are not going to try to convert you or pressure you in any way. Couples where neither person is Catholic are welcome also. The weekend experience simply calls for a man and a woman as a couple to strive for a sacramental way of life through the vocation of marriage.

**What does a weekend retreat cost?**

Please visit our website for the most current pricing. This fee covers your sleeping rooms for two nights, meals for each of you, and all materials.

Scholarships are available. If you need assistance, please have your priest contact our Registration Couple at [registration@eeweekend.org](mailto:registration@eeweekend.org) to begin the scholarship process. No couple will ever be turned away because of lack of funds.

**How can we register?**

For online registration and more information, please visit our website at <https://orangecounty.engagedencounter.org>

When you register and pay online, an automatic email will immediately be sent to the email address with which you registered.

**What is Catholic Engaged Encounter?**

Engaged Encounter is a working weekend which focuses on communication in your relationship. We encourage you as a couple to reach within yourselves to discover or reinforce the belief that your marriage can be forever, that love is forever, and that God wishes to be forever present in your sacramental relationship.

**What happens on an EE Weekend Retreat?**

An atmosphere is created for the two of you to concentrate exclusively on each other, free of the distractions, pressures and interruptions of daily living – a "time out" away from home, friends, and wedding preparations. It is a quiet weekend, specifically designed to give you the opportunity to talk honestly and intensively about your future together – an opportunity to discover a deeper appreciation of your relationship and God's call to unite in a permanent union, the Sacrament of Matrimony.

The weekend consists of a series of presentations beginning Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon. Personal reflection and couple discussion are the main focus. There are no group dynamics or group therapy. The weekend is led by a team of married couples and a priest. Through personal sharing, the members of the presenting team talk about what the sacrament of matrimony means to them individually and the impact a great marriage can have on the world. The weekend offers some ideas and tools which will help the two of you to continue growing closer through the years.

**Why should we go on a weekend retreat?**

Ask yourself this question: "Am I willing to spend 45 hours devoted to hearing ideas and learning skills that will help make my marriage the best it can be?" Our motto is "A wedding is a day ... A marriage is a lifetime." One weekend preparing for your marriage is so little compared to how much time you will spend preparing for your wedding day.