

FOR TODAY'S MARRIAGE PREPARATION

A distinctly Catholic marriage preparation program designed to meet the needs of today's engaged

Communication Needs

Engaged Encounter introduces your relationship to a communication technique that can be used to effectively foster a deeper knowledge of each other.

Spiritual Needs

Each couple comes to realize that marriage is a Sacrament and a vocation, and that God and prayer are essential components to a fruitful lasting marriage.

Personal Needs

Each person is challenged to review the decision making process and to examine the motives for seeking marriage.

The Best combination for your marriage preparation experience.

Because.....

Love is

.....a Decision.

Weekend Dates

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
(ENGLISH)

2018

JULY 14 - 15

SEPTEMBER 8 - 9

NOVEMBER 10 - 11

2019

FEBRUARY 9 - 10

- APRIL 6 - 7

JULY 13 - 14

OCTOBER 26 - 27

DECEMBER 7 - 8

All weekend retreats are held in Phoenix, Arizona at Mt. Claret Retreat Center at the base of beautiful Camelback Mountain.

<http://mtclaret.org>

Optional on-site dormitory style lodging is available for an additional cost.



The Very Best In Marriage Preparation

A Wedding is a Day.



**A Marriage is
a Lifetime ©**



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Why Engaged Encounter?

Engaged Encounter is an intense 2-day internationally recognized weekend offering you the time and opportunity to question, examine, and deepen your relationship with each other and God.

Engaged Encounter is the only Marriage Prep program offered in the Phoenix Metropolitan area that is authorized by most Dioceses across the world.

Through a series of writings and sharing exercises you both will be challenged to explore many aspects of your relationship. Throughout the weekend you will actively engage in dialogue in three major themes encompassing 16 unique presentations by married presenting team couples. After each presentation you will reflect on a series of questions aligned with the preceding presentation. Individually the questions are answered in writing. What you write individually will be exchanged and read by your fiancée. Time is then allowed for you to share and reflect on these writings.

Some of the areas and topics covered in the presentation sessions include:

- * Self-awareness
- * Communication
- * Unity
- * Forgiveness
- * Marriage Readiness
- * Family of Origin
- * Children
- * Decision Making
- * Sacrament
- * Romance & Intimacy

In addition to the many private sharing sessions offered to build your relationship, there is also time to interact with other couples in the group. A prayer service on Saturday evening and a Sunday Eucharistic celebration also occurs as part of the weekend experience.

Although the Engaged Encounter experience is Catholic centered, the main focus is on the development of your relationship and how you relate to others including your church community.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does CEE satisfy our Phoenix Diocesan requirements?

Yes! Your weekend participation to completion satisfies STEP 3 of the 7-step; Covenant of Love Diocesan program. You will be given a Certificate of Completion at the end of the weekend.

Do one or both of us have to be Catholic?
The weekend is Catholic oriented; however, many of those attending are not Catholic. Couples of all faiths are welcomed to attend as they prepare for a Sacramental marriage.

Do we have to share personal information with the group?

There is some opportunity for interaction during meals and some sessions. However, the weekend focus is on personal reflection and private couple discussion.

When should couples attend?

Nine months to one year prior to your wedding date is ideal. Plan to attend no later than four months prior to your wedding, as the weekends fill that far in advance.

How long are the weekends?

The weekend begins Saturday at approximately 8:00 A.M. but always concludes Sunday afternoon by 4:00 p.m. Meals include: Sat. Lunch, Sat. Dinner; Lite Sun. Continental Breakfast and Sun. Lunch is included with your registration fee.

Is there overnight accommodations?

A Saturday same gender, dormitory style stay is available for an additional cost. Please contact us for options.

Are scholarships available?

Yes. Under certain conditions, scholarships are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and require your parish involvement to determine a cost that fits your budget. Inquiry may be made by email only.

Weekend Registration Information

To register for a weekend, please register online at the web address listed below. Major Credit Cards, Pay-Pal accepted.



Weekend Cost (Per Couple)

\$175.00

(Course, Food, Materials)

\$90.00*

(Optional Overnight Stay)

*Invoiced separate from Registration

Register online:

<https://arizonacee.org>

Registration Deadline

Due to limited space, please register as far in advance as possible.

ALL reservations will be confirmed electronically. Strict cancelation rules apply.

Retreat Facility

Mt Claret Retreat Center
4633 N. 54th Street Phoenix, AZ 85018

<http://mtclaret.org>

For registration or general inquires:

phoenix@arizonacee.org

(602) 412-1674

If you have medical or dietary restrictions please indicate at time of registration.

Local Diocesan Coordinators:

Nick & Cheryl Covert

(602) 412-1674

