

Comments from “Encountered” Couples...

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Engagement Encounter

“We were apprehensive at first since we had been dating for nearly 5 years. But we had a very enjoyable experience and learned some things that we hadn't considered that helped to improve our communication and our spiritual life, too! We will always look back on this weekend with fond memories.”

Matt and Julie, Married July 2007

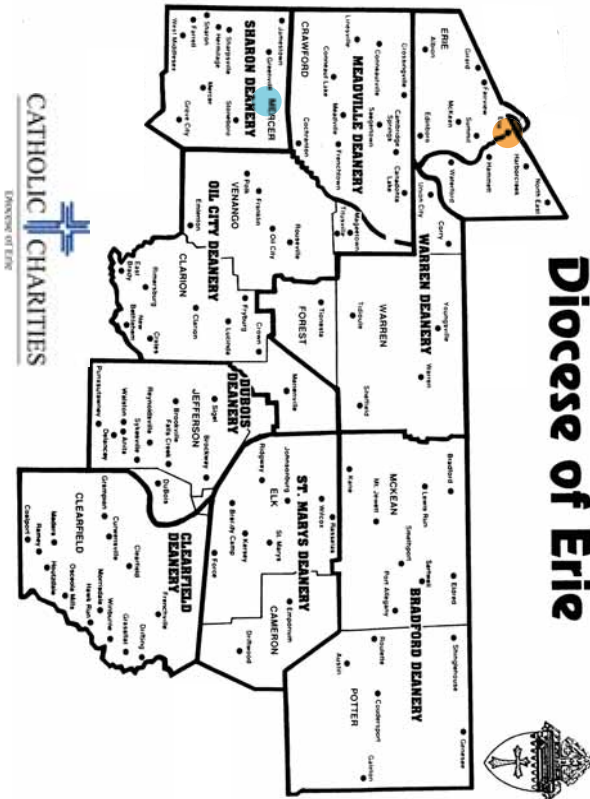
“EE gave us an incredible opportunity to escape from the hectic world and be reassured about getting married. We learned new things about each other that we know will strengthen our relationship as time goes by. It was an excellent investment in our future together!”

Carmen and Jenn, Married July 2008

Engagement Encounter: TWO LOCATIONS

● St. Mark Catholic Center
429 East Grandview Blvd.
Erie, PA
www.ErieRCD.org

● McKeever Learning Center
Sandy Lake, PA
www.mckeever.org



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*A wedding is
one day...*

*Marriage is
for a lifetime*



A marriage preparation
program for engaged
couples of all faiths

Questions about Engagement Encounter

Why Should We Consider Engagement Encounter?

The search is over. You've found the one with whom you want to spend the rest of your life. Choosing marriage means you've chosen to



commit your *whole* self to the life of another person. EE is an opportunity for the two of you to set aside the time which *every* couple needs to focus *only* on each other, your love and your commitment to marry.

How is EE different from a one-day Pre Cana seminar?

EE provides you and your fiancée with opportunities throughout the weekend to:

- ♥ Enjoy the luxury of quality time together
- ♥ Develop realistic expectations of married life and love
- ♥ Learn about the stages of love, and the importance of sacrifice in loving relationships
- ♥ Enhance your life as a married couple through honest dialogue
- ♥ Communicate your thoughts, hopes, and **your love**, more clearly to each other

Who is Eligible?

Engaged couples of any faith who want to grow in their relationship are welcome. The Engagement Encounter experience is a weekend for you, centered on a Catholic Christian message of love and respect, commitment and sacrifice—all essential ingredients in every healthy marriage. In addition, EE fulfills the diocesan requirements for Catholic marriage preparation.

What Happens at Engagement Encounter?

A variety of couples in various stages of marriage will present ideas and share their personal stories of the ups and downs of everyday life as a married



couple. Humor, insight, family issues—it's full of what's yet to come for you and more! Afterward, you and your fiancée will have time for personal reflection and private dialogue to discuss your thoughts.

A combination of dialogue and discovery are two of the qualities which continue to draw couples to Engagement Encounter every year. The benefits abound—and can last a lifetime.

What is the Cost?

Consider Engagement Encounter as an *investment* in your marriage, not another expense of your wedding day. A weekend at Engagement Encounter includes:

Sacrifice
Strength
Commitment

- ♥ two-night's lodging
- ♥ delicious, catered meals
- ♥ state-of-the-art facilities
- ♥ excellent resources

Three-day cost:	\$85 per person
Reservation Deposit:	\$25 per person
Balance Due (upon arrival):	\$60 per person
Value of a weekend away with fiancée without interruption:	Priceless!

*Note: Considering the cost of a wedding cake or flowers that last only one day, Engagement Encounter provides you with valuable tools and memories that will last a lifetime! **Partial scholarships are available for those with financial need.***

Where are the Weekends Held?

Couples have two options to consider:

- ♥ **St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie Pa**
- ♥ **McKeever Environmental Learning Center, Sandy Lake Pa**

Each location boasts a picturesque, comfortable setting and is conveniently located only minutes from Interstates 79 and 90, respectively. **(Please turn over to refer to map.)**

