

What real couples have to say about EE:

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Our EE experience came at just the right time! In the midst of managing wedding planning to-do lists, we **felt grateful to have a weekend to focus on each other** and on our marriage, beyond the wedding day. It was nice to connect with other couples who were in love and planning their lives together as we were — but it was even nicer that **the majority of the weekend was built around the two of us having meaningful one-on-one time.**



Jessie & Matt

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“When we decided to attend EE we were a little nervous. Wouldn't Pre-Cana be easier? But we both wanted something more for our relationship. We had no idea what EE would do for us, but **we discovered we were able to know each other in ways that we couldn't in just nine hours.** We learned ways to communicate that we still use today! We were so happy with our decision to attend EE!



Shannon & Ryan

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For a schedule of upcoming EE weekends

or

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Engagement Encounter

A Catholic marriage preparation program for engaged couples of all Christian faiths



***A wedding is one day.
Marriage is for a lifetime.***



The search is over. You've found the one with whom you want to spend the rest of your life. That's worth celebrating!

*Choosing marriage means that you've chosen to commit your whole self to the life of another. **EE provides a unique opportunity that every couple needs: time to focus on their love, their relationship and their commitment to marry.** You're likely spending lots of time planning your wedding: making the guest list, calling the caterer, ordering the invitations... **EE gives engaged couples time to step away from the details, and focus only on each other.***

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

- Enjoy the luxury of relaxed, quality time in a beautiful retreat setting
- Rest in comfortable overnight accommodations; enjoy catered meals, and receive excellent, contemporary resources
- Develop realistic expectations of married life and married love
- Learn to communicate your thoughts, hopes, and love more clearly to each other in dialogue

So, what happens at EE?



During an EE weekend, you'll gain insights into sacramental marriage from a priest on the team and listen to couples of various stages of marriage share

their stories of the ups and downs of daily life as a married couple. **Humor, insight, honest accounts of family issues — it's full of what's yet to come for you, and more!** Also, you will have time for **personal reflection** and **private dialogue** to discuss your thoughts.

Where do we go? How much does it cost?

- This all-inclusive weekend costs \$200 per couple. Consider EE as an investment in your marriage — not as another expense of your wedding day.
- Partial scholarships are available for those with financial need.

St. Mark Catholic Center



Engagement Encounter weekends are held at:

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