

Catholic Engaged Encounter Registration

HIS NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail address: _____

Age: _____ Religion: _____

Parish: _____

Bringing children to the Marriage: ___No ___Yes

HER NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Age: _____ Religion: _____

Parish: _____

Bringing children to the Marriage: ___No ___Yes

Date of the Engaged Encounter Weekend you wish to attend: _____

Church and location where you are getting married: _____

Officiating Clergy and his contact information: _____

Wedding date: _____

Have you met with a priest and completed the pre-marriage questionnaire to begin marriage preparation?
 ___ Yes ___ No



2009-2010 Schedule of Vermont Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekends:

November 13–15, 2009
 Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT

April 23–25, 2010
 Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT

November 12–14, 2010
 Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT



A Wedding Is a Day

A Marriage Is a Lifetime

Vermont Catholic Engaged Encounter

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington

Marriage, Family & Respect Life Ministries

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The Sacrament of Marriage: More Than a Legal Document

Among baptized persons, marriage has been raised by Christ to the dignity of a Sacrament. The marriage of two Christians possesses a unique character: it is a visible sign of Christ's love to the couple, and through them, a sign of Christ's love and living presence in the world. This love is characterized by the Biblical definition of covenant. Married covenantal love is a bond, a solemn promise between a man and a woman who commit themselves to each other in the present for an unknown future. This covenantal love is the basis for the understanding that marriage is a permanent commitment. To be married in the Catholic Church means far more than having the wedding ceremony in a church building. While marriage as a "contract" is legally binding, a Sacramental covenant is spiritually and morally binding. To be married in the presence of the Church and the Church's minister means a man and a woman are joined together in a lasting bond of love, to live the Sacrament of their marriage all their days. God's love for us is continually proclaimed in the love of spouses for each other.

What is Catholic Engaged Encounter?

The Engaged Encounter Weekend offers engaged couples a unique opportunity to look at their commitment to each other in a deeper way, through the eyes of faith, as they prepare for marriage. It gives them the opportunity, in a beautiful location, to focus exclusively on each other, free from the pressure and distractions of the outside world.

Who Is It For?

The Engaged Encounter Weekend is sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and is open to any couple preparing for marriage through the Catholic Church.

What Happens on the Weekend?

Through presentations by trained married couples and a Catholic Priest, each couple is invited to deepen their faith and communication with each other regarding their goals and aspirations; their strengths and weaknesses. Personal reflection and dialogue between the engaged man and woman are encouraged throughout the Weekend. Communal meals and Sunday Mass provide group participation.

Schedule

The Weekend begins with registration at 6:30 Friday evening and ends early afternoon on Sunday. (Full attendance is required).

Cost

The cost for the couple for the Weekend is \$300.00. This includes separate overnight accommodations for men and women at a beautiful Vermont resort, as well as meals and materials. All rooms are set up to accommodate more than one person per room. A deposit of \$100.00 is due with this registration form. Grant money is available to assist those in financial hardship. Apply through the Marriage, Family and Respect Life Ministries Office.

A Gift

A Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend makes a wonderful wedding or engagement gift from relatives or friends. Please contact the Marriage, Family and Respect Life Ministries Office to give a Weekend as a gift. An appropriate gift certificate will be provided.

To reserve your Vermont Engaged Encounter Weekend please send your registration form along with a \$100 deposit (checks made out to The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington) to:

*Engaged Encounter Registration
c/o Marriage, Family, & Respect Life Ministries
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Space is Limited. Register early!

Unfortunately, monies are not refundable, unless there is another couple to fill your reservation. Sorry, no pets allowed on the Weekend.

**For more information contact Kathy Fisher
at: (802) 658-6111
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or, visit our website:

<http://www.vermontcatholic.org/EngagedEncounter>

Comments from Former Engaged Encounter Participants:

"This weekend helped us (to) let go of some of our past and allow God more deeply into our lives as we prepare for marriage."

"There could be no price put upon what we have experienced here."

"We truly received a great gift having the opportunity to participate in an Engaged Encounter Weekend. This ministry is truly a gift from God."