



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

### **What is an Engaged Encounter Weekend?**

It is a time for a man and woman, preparing for the sacrament of marriage to concentrate on building and deepening their relationship and commitment. Free from the pressures and distractions of daily living, the engaged couple has the opportunity to concentrate exclusively on each other while examining the essential issues they will encounter within marriage.

### **What Happens During The Encounter?**

A team of two trained married couples and a religious facilitate and guide the weekend. Team presentations involve personal sharing on marriage and family issues. The design of the weekend encourages the engaged couple to privately explore their personality styles, family of origin, values, goals, and attitudes, concerning family life, children, sexuality, finances, the Church, and society.

**“A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is a Lifetime”** Much information is covered during the encounter. It is a **working weekend** – a time to prepare for this lifetime commitment. The Engaged Encounter weekend fulfills the requirements for Marriage Preparation in the Greensburg Diocese.

### **Who is Eligible?**

The weekend experience is designed for a man and woman preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church.

### **Where are The Encounters Held?**

Weekends are currently held at Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. Reservations are limited to approximately 24 couples per weekend. The set up of the retreat center is similar to a college dorm environment. Two women sharing a room, and two men sharing a room, using common bathrooms for each sex.

It is recommended that couples attend the encounter six months prior to their wedding.

The Encounter weekend begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and ends Sunday afternoon at approximately 3:00 p.m. A weekend stay is necessary to keep the atmosphere generated by the encounter – away from distraction.

### **What is the Cost?**

The cost of the weekend is \$249 per couple. A \$50 (non refundable) deposit confirms your reservation. The balance is paid when you arrive Friday night of the weekend. The money is used for room, board, and meals. Near the end of the weekend, each couple is asked to make a **free-will** offering to help pay for additional expenses, supplies, gift of the weekend to couples who cannot financially afford a weekend. No couple is ever refused the weekend.

Questions? George & Pat 724-335-4966

**Application Form**

**Names (His information)**

**Phone**                      **Age**

**Name you want on name tag**

**Address**

**(Her Information)**

**Phone**                      **Age**

**Name on name tag**

**Address**

**Email**

**Religion**

**Occupation**

**Parish to be married in**

**Priests name and address**

**Email (his)**

**Email**

**Religion**

**Occupation**

**Wedding Date**

**Email (hers)**

**What month would you like to attend**    1<sup>st</sup> choice                      2<sup>nd</sup> choice

**Please make \$50 deposit to "C.E.E. of Greensburg"**

**Mail to George & Pat Ziringer 143 Reed St. Lower Burrell, Pa. 15068**

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Fill out above application form, print and send with deposit

**2016 Weekend Date**

January 22-24

April 8-10

June 24-26

November 4-6

**2017 Weekend Dates**

**February 10-12**

June 9-11

September 22-24