

Some Reactions:

- “Bob and I no longer celebrate our wedding anniversary once a year. Since Marriage Encounter we celebrate our marriage every day!”
- “Mary and I have been married for 25 years and we thought we knew everything about each other. Thanks to Marriage Encounter we’re really getting to know one another better.”
- “Rick and I love each other very much, but we felt as if the world was slowly pushing us apart. Daily problems of money, job, and children were steadily becoming more important than our relationship. Marriage Encounter had helped to put things back into proper perspective for us. It’s great!”
- “We had a good marriage. There was nothing Tom wouldn’t do for me. But I wanted more than that and got it. Marriage Encounter has given us a closeness we’ve never before known.”
- “Before Marriage Encounter, all Jim and I ever talked about were the kids, his job, the house or money. Now we talk about us.”
- “When some friends suggested that Sheila and I make a Marriage Encounter we were shocked and more than a little hurt. We were very happily married and, frankly, it surprised us that they thought we needed ‘marriage counseling’. When we finally told them how we felt, they laughed and said that they had suggested the Encounter because we were a happily married couple. Now, I’m glad they did. We got an awful lot out of it precisely because we brought a lot to it.”
- “It was Becky’s idea to go on the weekend. I went along strictly to avoid an argument. I’m sure glad we went. We really got a lot out of it.”
- “Tony and I have been married for five years. During that time I’ve gotten ahead in my job and settled down nicely into my marriage. Marriage Encounter showed me how I can get ahead in my marriage too.”

I Love You

Not only for what you are
But for what I am
When I am with you

I love you
Not only for what you have made of yourself
But for what you are making of me.

I love you
For the part of me that you bring out.

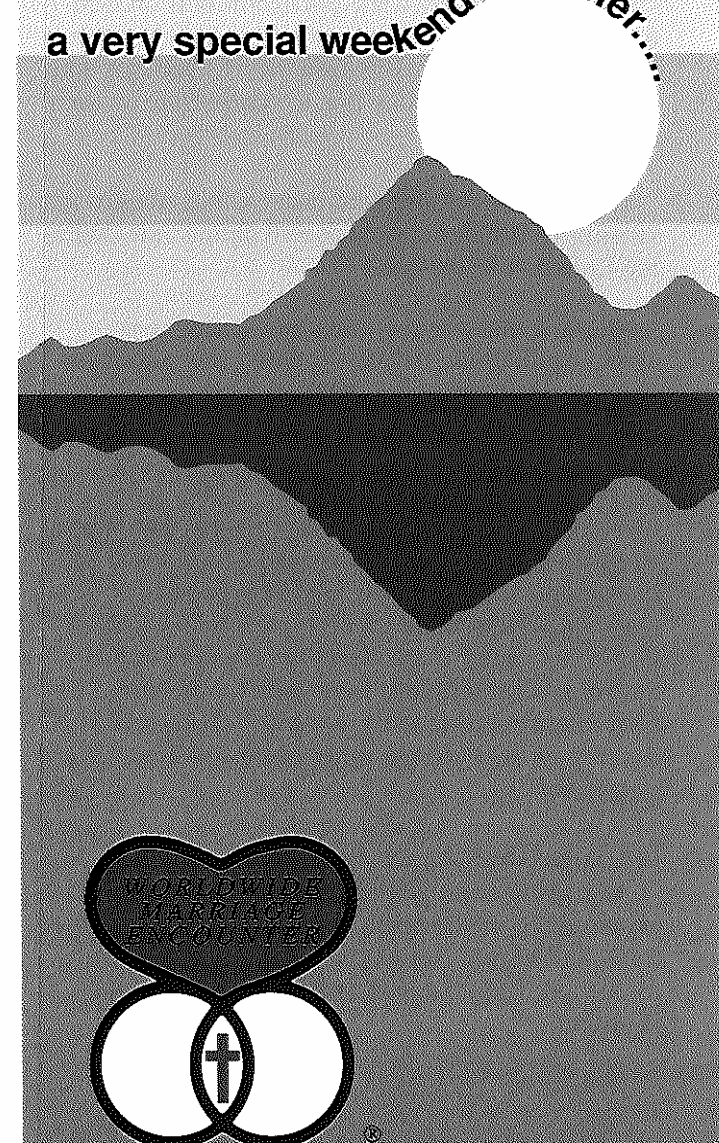
I love you
for putting your hand into my heaped up heart
And passing over all the foolish weak things—
That you can’t help dimly seeing there.
And drawing out into the light
All the Beautiful belongings
That no one else had looked
quite far enough to find.

I love you because you are helping me to make
Of the lumber of my life
Not a tavern, but a temple;
Out of my works, of my every day
Not a reproach, but a song.

I love you.
Because you have done
More than any creed could have done
To make me feel my goodness.
You have done it
With your touch,
With your words,
With yourself.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

*making good
marriages better,
one couple at
a time through
a very special weekend together....*



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RESERVATION

To register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, or to get more information, call 1-800-795-LOVE or fill out the form below and mail to:

Lou and Mary Locantè
105 Snowden Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15229
412-635-7775

What Is A Marriage Encounter?

Marriage Encounter is designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their lives together...a time to share their feelings, their hopes, disappointments, joys and frustrations...and to do so openly and honestly in a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one person they have chosen to live with for the rest of their life.

The emphasis of Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other.

It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriages.

This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together - to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

Who Is Marriage Encounter For?

Marriage Encounter is for any couple who wants to enrich their marriage. The weekend is designed to expand and deepen the joys a couple shares together, whether they've been married for a short time or for many years. Marriage Encounter is also for priests and religious who want to revitalize their relationship with the people of God and develop an even deeper appreciation for their own vocation.

Do You Have To Be Catholic?

The weekend is Catholic in orientation and is expressed in the tradition and understanding of the Catholic Church. However, couples of all faiths can benefit from the weekend and are encouraged to attend.

How Does A Marriage Encounter Weekend Enhance A Marriage?

The primary difference between a good, average, or poor marriage is often the level of communication. Marriage Encounter teaches a technique of communication designed to promote intimacy. The Marriage Encounter Weekend allows the space and time away from the interruptions of the "modern world treadmill" to take a fresh look at our values, priorities and direction we want our marriage to go. For many couples, "their weekend" has been a profound experience and has had a significant effect on their lives.

What Happens On A Marriage Encounter Weekend?

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is presented by a trained team consisting of three couples and a priest. The weekend is presented at a local hotel or retreat house where the atmosphere is set up so the couple can concentrate exclusively on each other. Through a series of presentations, we as couples have the opportunity to look at ourselves as individuals, as couples, and at how we interact with each other. After each of these presentations, the couple is given a personal reflection time, and then time to share their reflections with their spouse in the privacy of their own room. There are no group discussions on the Marriage Encounter Weekend. This experience is a private one between husband and wife. The weekend begins at 8:00 PM Friday night and ends about 4:30 on Sunday afternoon.

What Does Marriage Encounter Cost?

A \$⁴⁰35.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE confirms your food and lodging. At the end of the weekend each couple is given a blank envelope and asked to make a donation. No one is ever refused the opportunity to make a weekend because of the lack of funds.

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WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT THE WEEKEND ?		
Make checks payable to: "WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER"		