



AN ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

A MARRIAGE AWARENESS, EDUCATION & SKILLS BUILDING PROCESS

WHAT IS AN ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE?

An Encounter Experience is a workshop for couples planning or discerning marriage that is designed to give an opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their future life together. Concepts and skills proven useful in creating lasting, fulfilling marriages are presented. Engaged couples are given time to examine these concepts in light of their relationship. The format includes presentations, visual and reflective exercises, with emphasis on private sharing time for each couple. The workshop is facilitated by a team of couples married in the Catholic Church.

An Encounter Experience is NOT a spiritual retreat or marriage counseling

WHERE IS IT HELD?

At various locations throughout the diocese.

WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME?

The date and time frame varies depending on location.

* **CCFC:** Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

* **Optional overnight stay offered.**

Parish locations: Friday 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

DO YOU HAVE TO BE CATHOLIC TO ATTEND?

No. The **Encounter Experience** is a Christian process. Catholic couples, Inter-church and Inter-faith couples are welcome. We recommend this experience to any engaged couple where one party is a Christian. Our first consideration is for couples entering into a Catholic marriage.

WHEN SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

After meeting with the pastor, deacon or marriage personnel in the parish, it is strongly recommended that you attend at least **6 months** prior to your anticipated wedding date. Both partners must attend all sessions on both days to receive the certificate of completion, which is valid for one (1) year from the date of receipt. Participation in this workshop should occur after completion of the *FOCCUS Process in the parish.

*A pre-marriage inventory. **Please contact your parish for information.**

WHEN SHOULD YOU REGISTER?

REGISTER EARLY!! Registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis via mail or in person at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

WHAT IS THE FEE?

Fee for the weekend process: **\$225.00 Per Couple. \$300.00 Per Couple - out of diocese (limited space available)**

Fee includes (optional) overnight stay, meals and workshop materials.

Additional Fees may be applicable:

- \$100 Cancellation (non refundable) / No-Show
- \$50 Reschedule / Returned Check / * Late Registration

* Registrations received less than two weeks prior to workshop must be **paid by Money Order or Cashiers Check.**

HOW DO YOU REGISTER?

Detach and mail your **completed registration form** with **personal check, Money Order or cashiers check** made payable to:

**Diocese of Dallas/Marriage Ministries
P. O. BOX 190507
Dallas TX 75219**

HOW DO I RECEIVE CONFIRMATION?

Upon receipt of your completed registration form and payment, a confirmation letter that also serves as a receipt will be sent via e-mail. **Please provide current e-mail addresses.**

Due to the high demand for this workshop weekends fill quickly. Please call 214-528- 2360 for available dates.

2011 SCHEDULE

Catholic Conference & Formation Center (CCFC)

- January 15-16
- February 19-20
- March 26-27
- April 2-3
- May 21-22
- June 4-5
- July 30-31
- August 27-28
- September 17-18
- November 5-6

Parish Locations

- August 12-13 - Mary Immaculate
- December 2-3 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

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His Last Name: _____ Her Last Name: _____ His Age: _____ Her Age: _____
 First Name: _____ First Name: _____ FOCCUS completed: _____ In process: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____ Completed pre-nuptial paperwork: Yes: ___ No: ___
 City/Zip: _____ City/Zip: _____ Married by Civil Law? _____ Date: _____
 Phone (cell): _____ Phone (cell): _____ Wedding Date: _____
Confirmation sent via e-mail. Please provide current e-mail addresses. Parish / Church: _____
 E-Mail: _____ E-Mail: _____ Priest / Deacon: _____
 Religion / Denomination: _____ Religion / Denomination: _____ Dates preferred? 1st: _____
 Parish / Church: _____ Parish / Church: _____ 2nd: _____
 Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____ * Optional overnight stay at CCFC: Y ___ N ___

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Date: _____ Amt: _____ Check/M.O/Cash: _____ Initials: _____ Bal: _____ Confirm. Ltr: E - Mailed: Rcv'd: ___ / ___ Entered by: _____