

Marriage Encounter

It is the most successful and dynamic marriage enrichment experience in the world today. Since its beginning in the United States in 1968, couples and priests have volunteered their time and energies to bring the Marriage Encounter Weekend to couples everywhere. Couples from all over the world have experienced the beauty and the gift of the weekend.

The Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It's a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. It's a time to share their feelings, hopes and dreams with each other.

The Marriage Encounter weekend is not a time to look at the past. The weekend provides an environment in which couples spend time together away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, to focus on each other and their relationship.

Marriage Encounter is a Catholic expression open to all happily married couples, regardless of faith, race, age, education, or financial status. It is not necessary that you be married in the church.

What is it not?

It's not a retreat, marriage clinic, group sensitivity, or a substitute for counseling. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Marriage. If you have a troubled marriage, please contact Retrouvaille.

Who is it for?

Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together. Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple share together, whether they have been married for only a short time or for many years.

What happens at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend?

A team of married couples and a priest give a series of talks. Each presentation allows each couple an opportunity to look at themselves, at their marriage and relationship to one another, and finally to look at their relationship to God and to the world. There is no group discussion.

When and Where?

Marriage Encounter Weekends are held four to six times a year at a local motel. In some cases, there is a waiting list for the weekends. The weekend starts at 8:00 on Friday night and runs until about 5:00 on Sunday afternoon. Meals are provided.

How much does the weekend cost?

On the weekend, you will be asked to make a donation. This donation will cover the expenses of lodging, food, and materials for the Weekend.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$50 is required to confirm your reservation, food and lodging but no couple is ever denied the chance to renew their marriage because they are facing financial difficulties. This concern should not influence your decision to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

How do I get more information?

You can call the main Worldwide Marriage Encounter number at **(800) 795-LOVE (795-5683)**.