

Comments From Couples

♥ *“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 has helped put things into proper perspective for us. It’s great!”*

♥ *“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.”*

♥ *“We had a good marriage before the weekend, but our personality differences made communication in some areas difficult. Through Marriage Encounter, we learned to put our differences aside and really listen to each other. Alejandro and I are now closer than we ever thought possible!”*

♥ *“When some friends suggested that Sheila and I make a Marriage Encounter Weekend, 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.”*

♥ *“Our lives have been so much enriched, and we had thought that, after nearly 36 years of marriage, we had a rich and satisfying marriage; but we surely found out that we had only scratched the surface.”*

♥ *“Tony and I have been married for 5 years. During that time I’ve gotten ahead in my job and have settled down nicely into my marriage. Marriage Encounter showed me how I can get ahead in my marriage too.”*

♥ *“Since Marriage Encounter, Margie and I have a more fulfilling and exciting marriage! We now look forward to the time we spend together.”*

♥ *“Dennis and I often thank God for the gift of our weekend. Our marriage has been enriched with greater communication and deeper intimacy!”*

Marriage Encounter is the most successful and dynamic marriage enrichment experience in the world today. Since its beginnings in the United States in 1968, couples and priests have volunteered their time and energies to bring the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to couples everywhere. Today, more than seven million couples in over 91 countries have experienced the beauty and the gift of their weekend. They want to share that experience with you.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Mail the form on the inside of this brochure to:

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
P. O. Box 8962
Trenton, NJ 08650**

Or call:

In New Jersey: 888-827-NJME
Outside of New Jersey: 800-795-LOVE

On the Worldwide Web:

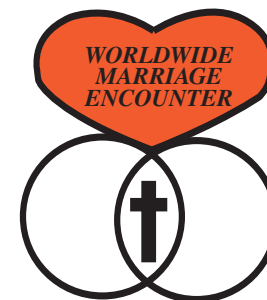
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Also:

www.wwmecentralnj.org



A Time To
Deepen
Your Love



What is a Marriage Encounter?

It is a weekend for you and your spouse to be alone together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, to rediscover each other and to focus together on your relationship for an entire weekend.

The emphasis of Marriage Encounter is on communication. It is designed to give married couples a time to share their feelings, 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.

It's not a retreat, nor marriage counseling, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian marriage. Every marriage deserves that!

Is This For You?

This is for any married couple who desires a richer, fuller life together — whether they have been married only a short time or for many years. A marriage can never be too good. 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 of their own vocation.

Do You Have To Be Catholic?

No! The weekend is presented by three Catholic couples and a Catholic priest. It is Catholic in its theology of Marriage, but couples of all faiths can benefit from it and are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

What Happens at a Marriage Encounter?

An atmosphere is created in which a couple can concentrate exclusively on one another. Talks, given by a team of trained couples and a priest, give a husband and wife the opportunity to look at themselves and to look at their relationship with each other, with God, and with others. Marriage Encounter starts with the love you have for your spouse and helps you to expand, and deepen that relationship. The weekend gives you the means to do this — the rest is up to you!

Does the Weekend Respect the Couple's Privacy?

YES! The weekend is oriented towards each individual couple. The presentations are given to the group as a whole. After each presentation, a husband and wife have time in the privacy of their room for their own personal discussion.

How Does a Marriage Encounter Enhance a Marriage?

The fundamental difference among marriages that are good, average, or poor is the level of communication between the husband and wife. For those with good communication, it's a chance to deepen it; and for those whose communication has faded, it's a chance to begin again.

The weekend presents an opportunity for you to stop, take a fresh look at the yourselves, your marriage, and your priorities. You learn a communication technique which allows and encourages you to explore the important areas of your life together in a spirit of love and understanding. The weekend experience offers every couple the insights, the tools, and the confidence, to enrich their marriage and to strengthen their love for one another. For many couples, "Their Weekend", is one of the most significant experiences of their lives.

When and Where?

Marriage Encounter Weekends are held regularly at local motels and retreat houses. Weekends can fill up fast, so early registration is advised. The weekend begins on Friday evening at 8:00 and ends Sunday afternoon at about 4:00. Meals are provided on the weekend.

What Does Marriage Encounter Cost?

A \$75 NONREFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE confirms your food and lodging. At the end of the weekend, each couple is given an envelope and is asked to make a donation. No one is ever refused the opportunity to make a weekend because of the lack of funds.

Marriage Encounter Reservation

For more information or to register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, fill out the form below and mail to the address on the back cover.

Name (His): _____ Name (Hers): _____ Last: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____
Phone: (_____) _____ Wedding Date: _____
Weekend Date Desired: _____
Religious Affiliation (His): _____ / Church: _____
Religious Affiliation (Hers): _____ / Church: _____
Our e-mail address: _____
 \$75 nonrefundable check enclosed We want to know more; please call us.
Make checks payable to: Worldwide Marriage Encounter
 Please confirm by e-mail.