

Catholic Engaged Encounter of Oregon
A Wedding is a Day...a Marriage is a Lifetime
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Greetings,

We appreciate your support of the Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) marriage preparation ministry in your parish. Please keep in mind - CEE can be a complementary bridge to your in-parish marriage preparation program.

We have 7 weekends scheduled for 2017 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon. The cost of each weekend is \$325 per couple. When working with engaged couples preparing to be married in your parish, we ask you to direct them to our website to learn more about the program: www.oregonengagedencounter.org. Couples may check on weekend availability and register for a weekend.

Catholic Engaged Encounter has been offered in the greater Oregon/Southwest Washington area since the mid-1970s. The program's national outline was updated in 2012.

2017 CEE Weekends

- January 13-15
- March 17-19
- April 28-30
- May 19-21
- June 30-July 2
- October 6-8
- November 3-5

Each CEE weekend is typically presented by 2 married couples and a priest, and the main focus of the weekend is communication. Couples are provided guidelines for open writing and dialoguing on areas such as openness, decision making, becoming a family, intimacy, and forgiveness. Some of the key concepts presented on the weekend include making a decision to love, being "life-giving," and living out the marriage Sacrament on a daily basis. An introduction to Natural Family Planning is also offered on every weekend. Couples are provided a certificate at the conclusion of the weekend.

Once again, thank you for recommending and supporting the Catholic Engaged Encounter ministry. Please contact us with any questions you have.

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Local Coordinators, CEE of Oregon