



A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

"The Engaged Encounter weekend is a live-in experience when couples planning marriage spend the time together to concentrate on each other and their future marriage relationship free from the tensions, pressures and interruptions of daily life and the preparations for the wedding. It is designed to give a couple the opportunities to talk honestly and deeply about their future. Self-identity, roles, expectations of each other in areas of money, sex, friends, children, family, religion and the Church's beliefs about marriage are some of the topics covered. There is no group sharing."

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?

The program is for couples of any age, who are preparing to marry and are mature enough to believe that their good relationship can become even better. For couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church, marriage preparation is compulsory. Other programs are available but it is our belief that the Engaged Encounter weekend offers a unique and intensive experience to couples.

The weekend is Catholic in orientation and is presented by two Catholic couples and a priest but couples of other faiths are welcome.

WHAT HAPPENS?

- The 1 night live-in weekend is a package starting with registration Saturday morning from 7pm and ending on Sunday afternoon at about 2:30pm. These weekends are held at **The Padre Pio Spirituality Centre, 25 Kort Street, Elarduspark, Pretoria.**
- The sleep out weekend is an intense programme running from Saturday morning 7.00 am till about 10:30 pm on Saturday evening and again from Sunday morning 8.00 am till 3.30 pm. Couples will be required to commute between their homes and the venue on both those days. The weekend will

be held at the **De La Salle Holy Cross Primary School in Victory Park.**

Please refer to the table below to see the format that the weekend you choose will have.

Through a series of presentations, based on the lived experience of the team, the engaged couples are exposed to a number of relevant issues and encouraged to reflect and then discuss these privately from the perspective of their own unique relationship. This couple sharing is the most important part of the weekend.

The ideal time to experience the weekend is 3-6 months before the wedding. **Weekends are booked out up to a month before, so please be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.**

AVAILABLE WEEKENDS 2017

January	28 to 29	One night
February	25 to 26	One night
March	25 to 26	Sleep out
May	20 to 21	One night
June	24 to 25	One night
August	19 to 20	One night
September	16 to 17	One night
October	28 to 29	One night
November	25 to 26	One night

The costs are as follows:

1 night weekend R725.00 per person i.e. R 1,450.00 per couple
Sleep out weekend: R500.00 per person i.e. R 1,000.00 per couple

The cost of the weekend includes accommodation, meals and all course material.

Payment can be deposited directly into:

Catholic Engaged Encounter

First National Bank, Bank City Branch 250-805

Account number: 50460072719

Reference: Name, **weekend date**, e.g. Sam & Bron **March**

Return the registration form attached by fax or email with a copy of the deposit slip and you will receive confirmation and a map - please note that until we have proof of payment we cannot confirm your booking. Please also note that any cancellation 7 days or less before the start of a weekend will not be refunded. If you cannot afford the weekend please discuss this with your parish priest who can call us in need.

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