



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 7am 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 2019

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January	19 to 20	One night sleep-in
February	23 to 24	One night sleep-in
March	30 to 31	Sleep out
May	18 to 19	One night sleep-in
June	8 to 9	One night sleep-in
August	17 to 18	One night sleep-in
September	14 to 15	One night sleep-in
November	23 to 24	One night sleep-in

The costs are as follows:

1 night sleep-in weekend R950.00 per person i.e. R 1,900.00 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**

Please follow this link [Open in Forms](#) to register and email a copy of the deposit slip to info@engagedencounter.co.za 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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