

Engaged Encounter Offers Chance For Communication

The Rochester Engaged Encounter project is six years old this year. It is a marriage preparation program whose goal is to help engaged couples build a strong relationship before marriage and to come to the realization of marriage as a vocation and a sacrament.

The motto, "A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime," expresses the idea that the weekend focuses on the couple's relationship and commitment and not the wedding plans or arrangements. The weekend does not feature group discussion, but allows for private reflection and dialogue between each couple. Many couples are choosing the weekend as an alternative to Pre-Cana because of this private dialogue that is personally relevant, rather than spend discussion time in a group on a topic they may already have explored.

The atmosphere of a weekend away from the bustle of plans, where other couples are also working to grow closer, can bring about a deeper communication even in a couple who have known each other a long time. The premise of the Engaged Encounter weekend is that a working and successful marriage is the result of continuous hard work and the "decision to love" that is involved in being truly open with each other. One couple wrote, "The most significant thing

that happened to us this weekend was that people other than ourselves believe in the decision to love attitude."

Although Engaged Encounter is a Catholic weekend, all couples are welcome. The weekend begins at 8 p.m. Friday and ends 4 p.m. on Sunday. Rooms and meals are provided for \$70. Those who

cannot afford the full cost will be sponsored.

1981 weekends are: Jan. 23-25; Feb. 27-Mar. 1; Mar. 20-22; April 24-26; May 15-17; May 29-31; June 12-14; June 26-28; July 24-26; Aug. 21-23; Sept. 18-20; Oct. 23-25; Nov. 20-22. For reservations and further information contact Patty and Dan Brown, 216 Mosley Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14616, (716) 663-8691.

Expenses, Budgets, And Investments

Marriage can be expensive, especially in the beginning when you're trying to stretch a budget to cover both everyday living expenses and new home furnishings.

Here are some ways you may be able to economize without feeling the pinch.

• Whenever possible cook from scratch. Convenience foods generally cost more than the basic ingredients needed to cook the same meal, and your personal culinary efforts are sure to produce a better tasting meal, as well.

• If you have a choice between washing or dry cleaning a garment, do wash it; it costs less.

• While budgeting daily expenses, saving for the future and making investment plans, keep in mind that marriage is

also a legal partnership. As such it offers benefits and protection for each spouse, but also substantial responsibilities. Most of these focus on taxes and issues of joint or sole ownership of property such as real estate, stock or insurance policies. Now would be an excellent time to seek out the services of a competent attorney and/or tax accountant.

• Your first financial goal should be an emergency cash fund large enough to cover all of your living expenses for anywhere from three to six months. You're not planning on it, but accidents and illness do keep people from their jobs for prolonged periods of time. Sometimes jobs just disappear — temporarily or permanently. You have to survive financially until another comes along. So, start saving a nest egg today.

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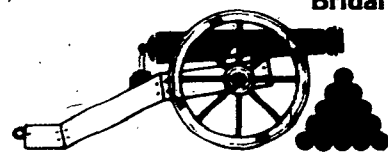
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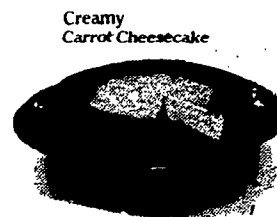
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