

Do You Need Time Away From All the Pressures?

The Rochester Engaged Encounter project is seven 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.

Wedding Finery And Its Care

After the wedding, you'll want to preserve those memories forever and maybe even share that wedding dress with another member of the family. To do this, it's important to give thought to storing your dress after the big day.

At the time you purchase your wedding dress, find out from the salesperson the best method for cleaning it. Often, the manufacturer gives instructions for dry cleaning or the use of a commercial spot lifter.

Be sure to pass on these instructions to whomever offers to take care of your dress after the reception. It's important not to let stains sit for too long as they will be more difficult to get out.

For a special price, many dry cleaners will both clean and seal your dress in an airtight wrapper. If you decide to take care of this yourself, remember that, after cleaning, the dress should be covered with acid-free tissue paper and then wrapped in washed, unbleached muslin. Store the

The 1982 weekends are: Jan. 15-17; Feb. 12-14; March 19-21; April 16-18; May 14-16; May 28-30; June 18-20; July 30-Aug. 1; Aug. 20-22; Sept. 17-19; Oct. 15-17; Nov. 19-21. For reservations and further information contact Linda and Lee Arbogast, 80 Deer Creek, Pittsford, N.Y. 14534, (716) 436-9420.

dress as flat as possible, and be sure that the place of storage is cool and dry.

Don't forget about the dress — it is a good idea to take it out once a year to give it an airing.

Most veils should be hand washed with a mild soap and then dried flat on clean towels. They also should be wrapped in acid-free paper and stored flat.

With a few precautions your dress should stay beautiful for years to come.

Groom Hints

Who provides the bride's bouquet?

The groom buys his bride's bouquet and also the ushers' boutonnieres.

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Who pays for the honeymoon?

The groom!

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Hints from the Photographer's Wife

- Shop around for a professional you can trust! Shop for both proven quality and price. Make sure you see the photographer's wedding work. Your wedding is too important to trust just any amateur or bargain photographer!
- Remember to set aside uninterrupted time for pictures of the bridal party. Normally, it takes ½ hour to 45 minutes — longer, if a flash can't be used during the ceremony. These pictures can be taken in the church, a park, or your favorite place.
- Appoint someone to round up the people you wish to include in the formal portraits. This person can also make the photographer aware of family and friends that you want photographed at the reception. This should minimize the posing time and create a more beautiful wedding album that you will cherish forever.



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