

To register for a weekend please go to
our web site:

www.richmondvacee.org
or, contact

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Engaged Encounter Weekend Details and Logistics

- Begins at 8 PM Friday night
- Ends about 3 PM Sunday
- Mass celebrated each weekend
- **The weekend costs \$360 per couple; the cost covers all meals and two nights' accommodations. Rooms are double occupancy with assigned roommates.**
- Scholarships are available by recommendation of your parish Priest
- Full payment confirms your reservation
- Smoking is not permitted inside any buildings

Comments from Couples

“In just two days, we feel closer than we’ve been in a long time. The entire weekend was an amazing spiritual experience and touched our lives forever.”

“It was great to escape all the hectic wedding plans and spend a whole weekend with my fiancé.”

“We took away many tools we believe we can use to improve our relationship and ensure our success as a couple.”

“We thought we knew everything about each other, but we learned about things we were taking for granted.”

“We enjoyed getting to know the two couples and the priest who made up our team. They were very insightful and “real”.

“We learned the importance of including God in our decisions as well as making live-giving decisions a part of our daily life. I believe this program will be a continuing asset as we journey forth together united by the Sacrament of marriage.”



*Catholic
Engaged
Encounter*

**"A Wedding is a Day...
A Marriage is a Lifetime"**

**CEE Meets Diocese of Richmond
Marriage Formation Requirements:**
<http://www.richmonddiocese.org/marriage-formation/steps-to-take.htm>

Why Engaged Encounter?

Engaged Encounter is a weekend offering each couple the time and opportunity to question, examine and deepen their relationship with each other and with God.

Through a series of writing and sharing exercises, the couples are challenged to explore many aspects of their relationship. Throughout the weekend, couples actively engage in dialogue in three major areas, encompassing several presentations. After each presentation, participants individually answer a series of questions in writing; then read what their future spouse has written; then share their thoughts privately with each other on their writings.

Some of the areas and topics covered in the presentations include:

Self-awareness	Communication
Unity	Prayer
Children	Family of Origin
Sexuality	Decision Making
Forgiveness	Sacrament

In addition to the many private sharing sessions, intended to build their couple relationship, those attending are also given time to interact with others in a group. There is a prayer service on Saturday evening.



A Catholic marriage preparation program designed to meet the needs of today's engaged couples.

- ♥ **Learn how to effectively communicate**
- ♥ **Learn how to make the transition from “me” to “us” without losing your identity**
- ♥ **Learn how to address your spiritual needs as a couple**
- ♥ **Learn how to make decisions as a couple**
- ♥ **Learn the tools to adapt your marriage to life's changing demands**

2012 Dates and Locations

January 27-29	Virginia Beach**
March 2-4	Sandston*
April 13-15	Sandston*
June 8-10	Sandston*
July 13-15	Sandston*
November 9-11	Sandston*

*Holiday Inn Richmond Airport (Sandston)
**Holiday Inn & Suites North Beach (Virginia Beach)

What Catholic Engaged Encounter is NOT

- Catholic Engaged Encounter is **NOT** a sensitivity course...
- There are no group dynamics. C.E.E. is specifically designed for communication between you and your fiancée.
- C.E.E. is **NOT** a means to convert you to Catholicism...