

HOW DOES A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENHANCE A MARRIAGE?

The fundamental difference between marriages that are good, average or poor is the level of communication between husband and wife. In all marriages, there are times when we take each other and our relationship for granted. The Weekend presents each couple with the opportunity to get off the “Modern World Treadmill,” to stop and to take a fresh look at the “two of us, at our marriage and our priorities.” We learn a communication technique that allows and encourages us to explore the important areas of our life together in a spirit of love and understanding. The Weekend offers every couple the insights, the tools and the confidence to enrich their marriage and to strengthen their love for one another.

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WHEN & WHERE?

**The BLD Marriage Encounter
Weekend (M.E.W.) #18 will be on:**

**November 04 – 05, 2017
Springhill Suite
6065 Richmond Highway,
Alexandria, Virginia 22303
Tel # 571-481-4441**

COST & RESERVATION

The cost of the weekend is \$175.00 per couple to cover food and lodging for the duration of the weekend. Check in time begins At 7 A.M. Saturday, and breakfast will be served simultaneously.

A 50% deposit is requested with your application and the balance is due anytime on or before the weekend. A payment plan is also available for interested parties. Your deposit/payment will be duly acknowledged and further details of the weekend will be sent to you thereafter.



An Invitation to a

Marriage Encounter Weekend

**Our Threshold to the
Household of God**



*Most, if not all, who have received
the Encounter experience have fully
rediscovered their marriage
relationships, strengthened their
conjugal and family life and become
fully aware of the living presence of
God in their marriage and family life*
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(Open in Spirit to God)

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Couples and Families

WHAT THE ENCOUNTER IS ALL ABOUT

THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ENCOUNTER

The Encounter presented by *Bukas-Loob sa Diyos* is open to couples married sacramentally in the Catholic Church. The Marriage Encounter is an invaluable experience of renewing our marriage relationship. It enriches the process of communication between husband and wife. It guarantees to make “good” marriages “better” and “not-so-good” marriages “good”! It is presented in a full weekend detached from the usual everyday distractions.

An “ecclesial team” trained and prepared for ministering the Encounter process conducts the Weekend: a “*Team Priest*” and at least two “*Team Couples*” who manage together its instructional and experiential components.

For many couples, “Their Marriage Encounter Weekend” is one of the most significant experiences of their lives!

Marriage Encounter is not a retreat, nor is it a marriage clinic or sensitivity course. It is not a time to dwell on the past but a time to look to your future together.

WHAT IS MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER?

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience for a couple, which offers them technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It is an opportunity to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. Also, it is a time to share their feelings, their hopes, fears, joys and frustrations.

WHO IS THE WEEKEND FOR?

Marriage Encounter is for any couple who wants to enrich their marriage. The Weekend is designed to expand and deepen the joys a couple share together whether they have been married for a short time or for many years. Marriage Encounter is also for priests and religious who want to revitalize their relationship with the people of God and develop an even deeper appreciation for their own vocation.

The only talent one must have to make a Marriage Encounter is the talent to love and a desire to make a good marriage even better.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE WEEKEND?

An atmosphere is created on the weekend in which the couple can concentrate exclusively on one another. A series of talks are given by a team of trained couples and Priest. Each talk gives a husband and wife the opportunity to look at themselves as individuals and to look at their relationship with each other, with God and with others. Marriage Encounter starts with love you have for your spouse and helps you to build, expand and deepen that relationship. The Weekend shows you the way to do this and provides you with the means – the rest is up to you!

There is no group discussion during the Weekend and socializing with other couples is being discouraged.

Will our privacy be respected?

Absolutely! Marriage Encounter emphasizes communication between husband and wife through a weekend experience, which is free of the everyday distractions and tensions. You concentrate on your spouse to such an extent that you are hardly aware of the other couples who are on the weekend. The presentations are given to the group as a whole. After each presentation the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their room for their own personal sharing using the communication technique they are learning on the weekend.