

ENRICH YOUR FAMILY LIFE



**MOTHERS IN LOVE
+ FATHERS IN LOVE
= FAMILIES IN LOVE**

Be the Best Parents You Can Be

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you! Enriching your relationship as husband and wife is the best way to strengthen your loving family life. Your whole family deserves the love Mom and Dad discover on a weekend! Give your kids the best gift they can get - Parents with a great marriage.

What is Worldwide Marriage Encounter?

Marriage Encounter is designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their lives together. A time to share their feelings, hopes, disappointments, joys and frustrations, and do so openly and honestly in a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one person they have chosen to live with for the rest of their lives. It's a weekend to rediscover their relationship. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The emphasis of the weekend is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage.

Who is it for?

Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together. A marriage can never be too good. Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married only a short time, or many years.

What happens at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A team of Catholic couples and a Catholic priest give a series of presentations. Each presentation allows you and your spouse a rare opportunity to look at yourself as individuals, then to look at your marriage and relationship to one another, and finally to look at your relationship to God, the Church, and to the world. The weekend starts at 8:00pm on Friday and runs until about 4:00pm on Sunday.

Does the weekend respect the couple's privacy?

YES. The weekend is oriented strictly to each couple. You concentrate on your spouse to such an extent that you are hardly aware of the other couples present. 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 discussion.

When and Where?

Weekends are held periodically at hotels and/or retreat centers throughout the area. All of the needs of the couples are met at the facility, including food.

How much does the weekend cost?

A \$75 non-refundable application fee confirms your food and lodging. At the end of the weekend each couple is given a blank envelope and is asked to make a donation. No one is ever refused the opportunity to attend a weekend because of lack of funds.

To apply for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:

Complete this application form and **mail to:**

*Worldwide Marriage Encounter
652 Castlebottom Dr.
Lawrenceville, GA 30045*

Or

You can apply online at:

www.ALFL-wwme.org

Husband First & Last Name	_____
Wife First & Last Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____
State	_____
Zip	_____
Phone	_____
Wedding Date	_____
Email Address	_____
Month Preferred	_____
Husband's Religion/Home Parish	_____
Wife's Religion/Home Parish	_____
Check Enclosed	___ No ___ Yes (\$75 - payable to Worldwide Marriage Encounter)
How did you hear about the weekend?	_____
Send me more information about the weekend	_____ 01/16

couples' responses

The columnist "Dear Abby" has twice written in her column "I highly recommend Marriage Encounter. It's a weekend course for couples whose marriages need revitalizing. It isn't for marriages that are in deep trouble - it's for couples who have lost the intimacy they once enjoyed and seem to be living parallel lives."

Listen to what other couples have said about their own experiences with Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

"This weekend was the most joyous and most stimulating time of our lives. We have had the chance to see how each of us needs to be loved and to give love."

"Having had over twenty years of marriage behind us we thought we could learn little and improve little. We learned much and are still improving."

"Not only did we experience a deep sense of unity and joy during the weekend, but the intimacy and excitement continued after."

"Our weekend was without qualification the most fantastic and moving experience of our lives."

"Our weekend will be a dramatic high point in our lives for years to come."

"Thank you for the most rewarding weekend of our lives. We are looking eagerly to many exciting years together. We wish every young couple could have a Marriage Encounter Weekend."

"We want you to know we thought we had a great marriage. But Marriage Encounter helped make it fantastic!"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Dates in Alabama are:

2016

Oct. 21 – 23

2017

Mar. 24 - 26

Oct. 13 - 15

2016 2017 Weekends are
scheduled at

St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, AL

Other Weekend dates are also available in
Georgia & Tennessee



"As I have loved you."

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For more information:

Call 678-985-0125

Or go to our website at:

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**Diocese of Birmingham,
Archdiocese of Mobile**