

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER – 2011 REGISTRATION FORM  
CHARLOTTE DIOCESE**

Complete all information and return this form with registration fee to:

Robert & Angela Holmes 4507 Arcaro Drive, Knightdale, NC 27545

Registration cannot be taken by phone. Please print legibly. **Make check payable to *Catholic Engaged Encounter*.** Fees are required to confirm registration. The registration fee is a flat rate that cannot, under any circumstances, be pro-rated for non-use of the hotel room or other costs the couple may incur by their own choice. For additional information call (919) 559-7706. Please note that the weekends fill up quickly, so sign up as soon as possible to get your first choice of weekend.

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**Groom's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Groom's age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM**

**Phone (Evening)**\_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (Day)**\_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

(In an effort to reduce costs, we try to do as much correspondence as possible via email, including your weekend confirmation, instructions, directions and any other necessary correspondence. Your email address will not be sold, given or shared with any other group or organization.)

**Religious Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Local Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Groom's Priest or Clergyman (full name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Requirements/Dietary Restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bride's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bride's age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIDE**

**Phone (Evening)**\_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (Day)**\_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Religious Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Local Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bride's Priest or Clergyman (full name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Requirements/Dietary Restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Wedding Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekend Date Preferences**    1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_    2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

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**See second page for weekend dates, costs and additional information**

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## Engaged Encounter Weekend Schedule 2011

Each weekend is for two nights (Friday and Saturday). The cost is \$280 per couple, and includes hotel accommodations, three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, as well as all necessary supplies. These dates may be subject to cancellation if the minimum number of rooms is not reserved fifteen days in advance, so be sure to register as early before your wedding as possible.

February 25-27 Clarion Inn Cornelius, NC	June 3-5 St. Thomas Aquinas Church Charlotte, NC	September 16 – 18 Clarion Inn Cornelius, NC
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### **SPECIAL - BUDGET WEEKEND DATE!** **June 3-5: St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Charlotte**

This weekend retreat will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Charlotte, NC. The only difference is housing **WILL NOT** be provided for this weekend event. The content is the same, the supplies are the same, and meals will be provided all day Saturday, and Sunday morning. The cost for this one weekend only, is \$140 per couple.

**Cancellation policy:** Due to the nature of how our weekends are booked, we are unable to accommodate full refunds for cancellations. We will make every attempt to fill the spot upon cancellation. If there is a cancellation more than two weeks prior to the event, there is a twenty-five dollar administrative fee. If you cancel fourteen days or less before the event, and we cannot fill the spot, there will be no refund. This includes leaving the weekend for any reason or failure to arrive. If we can fill the spot, all monies will be refunded, less the twenty-five dollar administrative fee. Rev. 10-28(a)

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **What is Engaged Encounter?**

The weekend you spend with Engaged Encounter is only part of your six months premarital preparation. On the Engaged Encounter weekend, you will be able to concentrate on each other, free of the tensions, pressures and interruptions of the world. It is specifically designed to provide you the opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensely with each other about your prospective life together...your strengths and weaknesses; your desires, ambitions and goals; your attitudes about money, sex, children, family and faith. You will not be tested by us as to your compatibility; we make no reports back to your pastor except to provide a certificate of completion of the weekend.

#### **Who is it for?**

Engaged Encounter is for a couple planning marriage, that desire a richer, fuller life together. Although the encounter weekend is Catholic in origin and orientation, it is open to couples of any faith. Nearly 50% of the couples attending a weekend have mixed religious backgrounds. Our weekend is applicable to Christian, Jewish and other religions. You are encouraged to attend the weekend three to six months prior to your wedding date.

#### **What happens on a weekend?**

The weekend is conducted by two married couples and a member of the Catholic clergy. Topics include learning about yourself as an individual and as a new married couple. We help you discover the role of God, religion and family traditions in your marriage. You will learn how to communicate about family planning, sexual intimacy, and differing expectations (including how to argue).

As a couple you will then privately discuss your feelings and reactions to the presentations about marriage. We will show you an easy technique to accomplish this dialogue.

No one will be asked to share their feelings with the group. A group activity is provided to explore your questions about various issues in new marriages. Time is available to talk individually with the clergy and married couples. We provide an instructional Mass or Communion service. We eat together in a dining room that may be used by other groups.

#### **When and Where?**

The schedule and location of our weekends are shown on the registration form. The weekend begins Friday at 7:30 p.m. and ends around 12:00 noon on Sunday. Late arrival, early departure and intermittent leave are not permitted. The weekend is designed to build on itself and requires uninterrupted attendance.

**Accommodations are provided for two females or two males per room with separate beds. If you have a physical handicap, let the registrar know. For an extra fee, you may have a single, private bedroom, if available.**

#### **What is the cost?**

Our fee is shown on the registration form. This includes your accommodations, meals and all materials. Refunds may be made if your cancellation is received at least two weeks before the scheduled weekend. Due to the large number of weddings in the Charlotte Diocese, the weekends are normally filled several weeks prior to the scheduled date. Make your plans accordingly.

**Catholic Engaged Encounter: *A Wedding is a Day...A Marriage is a Lifetime***

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