



THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

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Rev. Terrence Runstedler
Steven and Claudia Schulz
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International Catholic Engaged Encounter
4609 Ithica Street
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Dear Father Runstedler, Steve, and Claudia:

We are thankful to have Catholic Engaged Encounter as one of the marriage preparation programs officially endorsed by the Diocese of Charleston. This program has assisted our clergy in preparing couples for the sacrament of marriage in South Carolina for over 30 years. Approximately 150 engaged couples participate in our weekend program each year. One of the indicators of the success of the program is that half the married couples currently involved in this ministry had attended a weekend when they were engaged.

Catholic Engaged Encounter has provided the couples with time to reflect and share on all aspects of life concerning the sacrament of marriage, natural family planning, expectations, faith, money, goals, and many more topics. Engaged couples are encouraged through presentations by two married couples and a priest to use a dynamic process of writing, listening, and dialogue to share privately with each other.

I endorse Catholic Engaged Encounter as a way to create holy, Catholic, Christ centered marriages that will result in strong families. The Diocese of Charleston extends our prayers to your community as you seek official recognition from the Pontifical Council for the Laity.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

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