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Stephen and Claudia Schulz
Executive Coordinators
International Catholic Engaged Encounter
4609 Ithaca Street
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schulz:

The current director of Family Life Apostolate for the Archdiocese of New Orleans in conjunction with Gary and Claudia Levy, the present local coordinators, have informed me about the positive success of the New Orleans Catholic Engaged Encounter. This ministry presently serves over 200 couples yearly with the Engaged Encounter Weekend. The archdiocese consistently receives affirmative comments from attending couples and priests in regard to this ministry's pre-marital preparation.

I highly recommend all couples in the Archdiocese of New Orleans preparing for marriage attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend and suggest that dioceses throughout the world accept and approve of this ministry.

As Shepherd of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, I sincerely would like to thank the volunteer couples that give of themselves to Catholic Engaged Encounter.

With much gratitude and wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans