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Rick and Patty Ruppert
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Dear Rick and Patty,

Thank you for the dedicated efforts of the Catholic Engaged Encounter leadership couples in our Archdiocese. You are helping build the strong marriages that are vital to the mission of Christ and to the health of society.

I was pleased to learn from you that couples in the Baltimore area have benefitted from this marriage preparation program since 1975. Each year, the Engaged Encounter teams have taught hundreds of couples to dialogue and pray together, as they prepare for marriage and family life.

Catholic Engaged Encounter of Baltimore has also been a resource for evangelization, inviting Catholics to return to the practice of their faith and offering a welcoming atmosphere to those of other faith traditions.

I gladly endorse the Catholic Engaged Encounter in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Please be assured of my prayers and support for your work.

In the Lord,

+ Edwin O'Brien
Archbishop of Baltimore