

# Diocese of San Jose

Office of the Bishop

January 19, 2010

National Catholic Engaged Encounter  
c/o Steve and Claudia Schultz  
4609 Ithaca Street  
Metairie, LA 70006

Dear Steve and Claudia,

Please allow me to write this letter in support of the Catholic Engaged Encounter movement in the Diocese of San Jose in California.

The San Jose Engaged Encounter has thirteen couples who are active in this ministry. With the assistance of three priests who assist these couples, the Catholic San Jose Engaged Encounter is able to offer approximately ten weekends a year for couples preparing for marriage. This is an invaluable service in this Diocese.

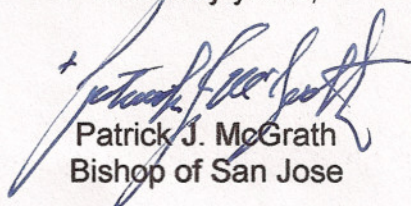
As Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, I regard the Catholic Engaged Encounter as a blessing to this local Church. These couples provide a living witness, not only to the sanctity of marriage, but also to their conviction that "marriage is for a lifetime."

I strongly support their work and their efforts to be recognized by the International Association of the Lay Faithful.

If I may be of any further assistance, I certainly hope you will not hesitate to be in contact with me.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Patrick J. McGrath  
Bishop of San Jose

cc: Very Reverend Brendan McGuire  
Jennifer and Tito Lozzio