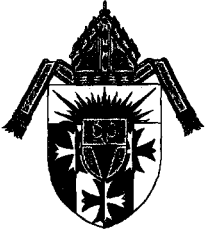


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National Catholic Engaged Encounter
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To Whom It May Concern:

As Bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, I am writing to signal my support for the Catholic Engaged Encounter movement here in eastern Montana.

Although I have been serving as Bishop here a relatively short time, the information I have received from the local CEE community and two presenting priests is very positive. This weekend experience is a very fruitful segment of a comprehensive marriage preparation program. In addition, CEE is highly recommended by the priests of the diocese whenever engaged couples approach them for marriage preparation.

I am happy to report that the local Catholic Engaged Encounter community is well-organized and dedicated. Their commitment to the movement is admirable, and I am confident that their involvement at both the local and national levels strengthens family life now and into the future. I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael W. Warfel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "W".

Michael W. Warfel
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings