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Stephen and Claudia Schulz National Catholic Engaged Encounter 4609 Ithaca St. Metairie, Louisiana, USA 70006.

Dear Stephen and Claudia,

I am very pleased to give this personal endorsement of the Catholic Engaged Encounter Program.

All my contacts with Engaged Encounter have convinced me of what a great program it is in preparing couples for marriage. The very process invites couples to dialogue about the important issues they will face individually and together as they embark on this new venture. It is designed to give the couple preparing for marriage an opportunity to talk honestly and intensely about their future life together, including their strengths and weaknesses; their desires, ambitions and goals; their attitudes about money, sex, children, and family—without overlooking their roles in the church and the society at large.

I have no hesitation in recommending this program that supports such strong values for a solid Catholic marriage.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Most Rev. Victor Galeone Bishop of St. Augustine