



# Archdiocese of Newark

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Dear Catholic Engaged Encounter:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of endorsement for the wonderful program of Engaged Encounter and the work that you do in preparing couples for marriage. Here in the Archdiocese of Newark, we have been incorporating this retreat as an option for marriage preparation for many years and will continue to do so.

There is no mistaking that the great sacrament and institution of marriage is under attack in our culture. Programs like EE which help to address issues like communication, finances, sexuality, sacramentality and holiness to name just a few, are needed in order to both reinforce the Church's teaching about marriage as well as help engaged couples to be happy and holy married couples.

Also, it should be added that not only is Engaged Encounter a great retreat experience for couples, but it is also both a wonderful evangelization tool as well as a wonderful opportunity for couples to come in contact with priests and see the joy of their lives lived in Holy Orders.

It is because of all these reasons that I thank Catholic Engaged Encounter for its ministry and wholeheartedly endorse the work that they do.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely in the Lord,

✠ Most Reverend John J. Myers  
Archbishop of Newark

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