

Marriage Encounter

APPLICATION FORM



Surname.....

Christian Name: His..... Hers.....

Address.....

E-Mail Address:

Telephone: Home.....

Work: (His)..... (Hers).....

Cell: (His)..... (Hers).....

Religion: (His).....

(Hers).....

Wedding/Ordination Date.....

Present Parish.....

Weekend Dates: 25 & 26 June @ Durbanville Parish sleep out
Cost R1000 per couple

7 – 9 October – Stellenbosch sleep in
Cost R2900 per couple

Signature: His.....

Hers.....

Invited to attend weekend by:

Name:

N.B.: A non refundable deposit of R 500.00 is required
Direct deposit to Marriage Encounter A/c No: 50260013468
First National Bank - Branch Code 201409
Forward application form to pemaart@distell.co.za or
contact Patuele or Graham Maart - 0845023805

WHAT IS WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER?

We are a group of people in the Catholic Church who believe that Matrimony and Holy Orders are wonderful vocations. We present weekends for married couples and priests that show this through personal example.

By going on such a weekend, any couple or priest is able to take responsibility for what is happening in their lives and develop or renew the joy available to them.

WHO ARE WEEKENDS FOR?

Couples and priests from any walk of life who want to develop their relationship!

- If you have a good marriage and talk a lot – that's great, but there is more to discover.
- If you're ticking along nicely – you can find new life, new depths.
- If you're disillusioned and wondering if this is all there is or all there can be – you can find the answer.

On weekends, couples and priests can deepen and enrich their lives no matter how long they have been married or ordained.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR COUPLES?

As the weekend unfolds, different topics are covered, helping couples to look at how they are leading their lives together, the choices they are making, their attitudes towards each other, their frustrations, their joys.

This is NOT a retreat NOR a counseling experience for couples with "problems". It is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together. There is food for thought to help you to focus on your relationship over the whole weekend, choosing afresh what you want in your life together.

Your marriage deserves that sort of attention.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR PRIESTS?

There are some striking parallels between the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders, and these weekends offer priests the chance to examine and renew the relationship they have with their people. This fresh perspective can help them develop an even deeper appreciation of their vocation.

DO YOU HAVE TO BE CATHOLIC?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are presented by Catholic couples and a Catholic priest, and convey a Catholic experience, **but anyone is welcome and everyone can benefit.**

WHAT HAPPENS ON WEEKENDS?

The weekends are residential – from Friday evening to Sunday evening.

A series of talks are given that offer you a chance to look at yourselves as individuals, as couples (or as a priest with his people) and at your relationship as a couple or priest with God, the Church and the World.

There is a positive approach that starts with the love you already have and, in a quiet and reflective atmosphere, helps you to build, expand and deepen your relationship – in whatever direction you choose. All control remains in your hands.

This is a chance for you to be together, to discover and clarify what you want and value, and to choose together what to aim for.

DOES THE WEEKEND RESPECT THE COUPLE'S PRIVACY?

YES. The weekend is orientated strictly to each individual couple. You concentrate on your spouse to such an extent that you are hardly aware of the other couples present. The presentations are given to the group as a whole. After each presentation, the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their room for their own personal discussion. There is no group discussion.