

Mission Statement

We the Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Anchorage as the independent ministries of

**Catholic Engaged Encounter,
Worldwide Marriage Encounter,
and Retrouvaille,**

in partnership with the Office of Evangelization and Worship and with the grace of God, join our talents and individual gifts for the betterment of marriages, families, and the Church as Disciples in Mission impelled by the Gospel to love one another, heal the brokenhearted, make the world a better place, and provide an environment for growth in holiness over a lifetime.

The Sacrament of Marriage mirrors the covenant relationship of God to God's people as seen in a husband and wife, where each pledges to the other an irrevocable love and commitment to remain faithful to the vows which they exchanged on their wedding day.



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Encounter Life Together

Bringing Couples Together in Christ

You Are Invited To Share The Vision



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Family Life Ministries

The three ministries of Family Life serve the church by undertaking an effort to help marriages grow in strength and holiness over a lifetime. They encourage this by including the realities experienced in relationship along with Catholic beliefs communicated by teams of married couples, priests, and deacons, who also provide tools to help couples strengthen their relationships.

Catholic Engaged Encounter

An effective marriage preparation program required by the Archdiocese of Anchorage is designed to provide engaged couples with the tools needed for a successful marriage.

An intense weekend offering engaged couples the time and opportunity to question, examine, and deepen their relationship with each other and with God.



Catholic Engaged Encounter invites the engaged / newly married to join the community of married couples and clergy who promote and provide this ministry.

The couples actively engage in discovery and dialogue in three major areas:

Communication: Looks at the importance of love and acceptance of self and partner for effective communication.

Marriage: Looks at the many aspects of the relationship formed by two individuals when they become husband and wife.

Sacrament: Emphasizes that each couple's marriage relationship is a visible sign to the world of God's love and presence. Couples are challenged to share their gifts with family and community.

Couples who are not Catholic are welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's Mission of renewal in the church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.



A Catholic experience open to couples of all faiths.

Presentations given by experienced couples and a member of the clergy to help couples look at their marriage and relationship to God. It is a very private experience for the participants, teaching a communication technique that permits couples to explore important areas of their relationship in a spirit of love and understanding.

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Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for struggling married couples. This is a seven-week program beginning with the weekend and six follow up sessions. During the weekend, a series of in-depth presentations are given to you and other couples like yourselves. After each presentation, you will have a chance to reflect on it by yourself, then discuss it with your spouse in complete privacy.



The weekend is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, nor is it a social gathering. You will, however be encouraged, to put the past behind you and start rediscovering one another again. All names are kept in strictest confidence. The program consists of:

The Weekend: an intense Friday night through Sunday program presented by three married couples and a Catholic priest.

The Post Weekend: series of 12 two-hour presentations designed to reinforce the Weekend. It supplements the weekend experience and encourages long term positive change.

CORE-Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience: open ended periodic gathering of Retrouvaille couples who provide ongoing support and ministry for one another. Call 1-800-470-2230 for more information about Retrouvaille.