

UNEDITED COMMENTS FROM ENGAGED COUPLES AFTER A CEE WEEKEND.

Q2. What did you learn on the weekend that has impacted your relationship?

1. We learned that love is a daily decision. It makes for a solid foundation for our relationship.
2. Not being Catholic the Explanation of the Mass was very helpful.
3. I learned his love language and got understand him better.
4. We talked over important questions that we never thought of talking about.
5. After meeting twice with our Priest, twice with our Rabbi and seeing a counselor to address our different religious backgrounds. It truly felt like a blessing to be here.
6. We learned more about each other as well as techniques and tools to make our marriage work.
7. This weekend just strengthened our commitment to each other and gave us tools to work thru our differences.
8. It was a great experience. I recommend it to anyone and wouldn't mind coming back for more.
9. I learned to treat my marriage as a sacred gift from God.
10. I learned a few things about my fiancée that I never knew about.
11. I learned more about how he feels & loves. He is not always the most open about feelings. This weekend he opened up. So, I am very thankful for this experience.
12. This weekend has made a positive impact in my relationship with my fiancé. We were able to open up to each other on a higher level.
13. We learned that the priest is a human with many of the same feelings and challenges as us.

Q3. HOW HAS THIS EXPERIENCE AFFECTED YOUR VIEW OF RELIGION AND IT'S IMPORTANCE IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

1. My fiancé and I are from 2 different religions, but we both learned to be open to new ideas and let God lead the way. It has solidify the reason why we wish to get married in the Church.
2. I now see the sacrament of marriage on a deeper level. It was always meaningful and important, but now it has taken a new level of commitment.
3. We have always been catholic, this weekend helped us to firm up our plan on integrating our faith into our everyday lives.
4. As a non-catholic I feel this has proven again to me the value of religion in our lives. We are committing to each other with God as our witness, this is powerful.
5. Religion is important as a means of reflecting that God is in our lives. It reminds us to be patient, understanding and forgiving with each other.
10. This experience has shown me a new perspective on how to incorporate religion into my everyday and has given new meaning to my upcoming marriage.
11. I have learned that religion will be a main part of our relationship and it will make us stronger through the years to come.
12. I will make more time for religion in our lives as it is necessary for our happiness and family life.
13. This experience opened me to faith and spirituality becoming more involved in my relationship with my future husband. I think it will bring us closer together.
14. It has deepened our relationship. I understand more about my fiancé's relationship with God. God is now a powerful part of our marriage.