

Why I Am Catholic

Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille

The Catholic Church has many wonderful resources for married couples. Among these are two highly-regarded retreat programs: Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille.

"Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples who want to recapture the closeness of their young relationship. Over time, careers and families tug at the quality time a couple has together, occasionally straining the best of relationships. On the ME Weekend we teach couples a new way to communicate, making it possible to find closeness even in the most ordinary exchanges. "The resulting renewal brings new life to their relationship, their family, and to their church. For more information, contact Bob & Joy at 866-285-9963 or visit www.WWMEatlanta.org." (*Archdiocesan Family Life Office webpage*).

"Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry for couples in troubled marriages and for separated and divorced couples considering reconciliation. The program helps couples to better understand their relationship while teaching them practical skills to bring healing and renewal. . . The word Retrouvaille (pronounced *Re-trō-vī*) simply means 'rediscovery'.

"For further information, contact visit the local website at www.retrouvailleofatlanta.org." (*Archdiocesan Family Life Office website*). Last year during Time & Talent, we proposed a new ministry at St. Clement's entitled "Married with Kids." This year we will actually get that off the ground. And offer other activities for our married couples—new and forever married.