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Rick & Cindy Gaunt
Spokane Catholic Engaged Encounter
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Dear Rick & Cindy,

Thank you for your brief note requesting that I offer a letter of approval and support for Catholic Engaged Encounter here in the Diocese of Spokane.

I want to express strong support for the Engaged Encounter movement and specifically to mention how grateful I am for the couples who are involved in Engaged Encounter here in the Diocese of Spokane. Constantly, I hear comments from couples who have experienced Engaged Encounter prior to their marriage and have found it to be most helpful. Secondly, I am very grateful to the couples who give so much of their time and talent as well as married experience to assist the couples as they prepare for the great day of their marriage.

In addition, I have also personally been involved with Spokane Catholic Engaged Encounter as a team priest. As you are well aware, I just participated in a recent Engaged Encounter, and once again, I have found how positively couples in preparation for marriage were impacted by this experience.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me. May God bless you both as Spokane Catholic Engaged Encounter coordinators. Much peace and many blessings.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,

William S. Skylstad
Bishop of Spokane

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