Welcoming Letter for a Weekend Retreat

Dear Engaged Couple,

Welcome to your preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

We are (N and N), members of (name of parish). We will be directing the upcoming marriage-preparation weekend that you are scheduled to attend. We are glad that you have chosen to be married in the Catholic Church, and we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you during the retreat, which will take place on (dates) at (location).

The retreat will be led by a team of couples who will share with you their experiences of married life and how their faith has been a source of strength and guidance during their own marriage journeys.

We ask you to prepare for this special event by reading as many chapters as possible of the Couple’s Book and sharing honestly with each other your thoughts and feelings about what you read.

Your engagement is a time of discernment and preparation. Pope Francis said to a group of engaged couples that marriage is a relationship that is not just based on mere emotions, but a relationship that is “built in the same way that we build a house. And we build a house together, not alone! You should not wish to build it on shifting sands of emotions, but on the rock of true love, the love that comes from God.”

We look forward to spending time with you as you prepare for marriage.

Important facts:

We will meet at: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The retreat starts at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and will end at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please be on time.

Our e-mail address(es): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Our phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_