Welcoming Letter for a Small-Group Format

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 your mentor couple and are glad that you have chosen to be married in the Catholic Church. In the coming weeks, we will walk along with you on your journey to the altar, and we will pray for you after your wedding as you begin your life together as a married couple.

During our meetings, we will share with you some of our experiences of married life and how our faith has been a source of strength and guidance during our own marriage journey.

We ask you to participate as fully as possible in this program by attending each session, reading the materials assigned, and sharing honestly with each other your thoughts and feelings on the subjects presented during our meetings.

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 while you build your relationship and prepare for marriage.

Important facts:

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

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

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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