

Sample Letter Recruiting New Mentor Couples

Dear...

I am in the process of looking for married couples in our parish to help prepare engaged couples for marriage and you were recommended as a potential mentor couple. This important ministry calls for couples who are living out their marriage, making a daily decision to care and love each other and are willing to reach out to others.

Promotion of good marriages not only comes from the clergy, but from all the people, especially from people already living out the Sacrament of Marriage. It is an opportunity for both the couples preparing for marriage as well as the married couples assisting in the process to grow immeasurably in their relationship to each other, the people in the parish, and God.

The qualifications listed below are ones that are suggested for a Mentor Couple. They include:

- Believe marriage is a permanent and faithful commitment.
- Believe that God and the Church are necessary for a successful relationship.
- Are realistic and hopeful regarding the day-to-day living of marriage, open-minded & can share their own lived witness of the sacrament.
- Are generous, warm, non-judgmental, have the ability to listen well, encourage participation in a non-threatening way and understand the principle of confidentiality.
- Can be witnesses of their search for a fulfilling and successful marriage.
- Have been married at least three years, follow and endorse the teachings of the Catholic Church (such as birth control, pre-marital sex, cohabitation), and support the diocesan guidelines in preparing couples for marriage.

A six-hour training program is provided to teach you what to do in this ministry to the engaged. Training has been scheduled for _____. If interested, please contact _____

Yours in Christ,