**First email to engaged couple whose wedding date is registered with the diocese**

**Email title:** Welcome and Congratulations!

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Congratulations ………&……………you have set the date!*** *As a Catholic faith family we are very excited about your decision to marry. As a parish and as a diocese we are committed to providing you with the latest state of the art resources to help you to take your relationship to the next level, and experience the joy of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please select the marriage preparation course you would like to attend. The approved options for this diocese are as follows: It is crucial to register as soon as possible to secure the program of your choice by following the links indicated or visit* [*MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org*](mailto:MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org)

***Preparing to Live in Love;*** *This**is the recommended preferred option**for marriage preparation in the Camden Diocese because it allows you as an engaged couple to meet with a joyful married couple in the informal atmosphere of the mentor couple’s home at times and dates convenient for both of you as couples. The curriculum is uniquely positive and includes experiential exercises, practical skills and insights gleaned from the latest scientific research. Your mentor couple can help you apply the skills and practical strategies taught in the course to your unique relationship. They will also share personal examples and stories from their own lives that can be engaging, helpful and often inspirational. Click here to read comments from engaged couples who have taken this course …. To read newspaper interviews click here…….For more information or to register for Preparing to Live in Love go to* [*http://livinginlove.org/our-programs/preparing-to-live-in-love*](http://livinginlove.org/our-programs/preparing-to-live-in-love)

***Beginning to Live in Love*** *is a large group application of the same research based content and exercises offered on “Preparing to Live in Love”, presented more formally on set dates at a local parish hall in an accelerated four session version. The sessions run from 1-4PM on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Each session is packed with engaging experiential exercises and practical skills, state of the art printed material and fun homework assignments. Couples may attend a "Beginning to Live in Love" course at any location around the diocese. To read comments from engaged couples who have experienced this program click here…… To read newspaper interviews click here……For more information or to register for Beginning to Live in Love go to* [*http://livinginlove.org/our-programs/beginning-to-live-in-love*](http://livinginlove.org/our-programs/beginning-to-live-in-love)

***Engaged Encounter Retreat*** *is a weekend away with other engaged couples which allows plenty of time alone as a couple to dialogue honestly and intensively about your prospective life together. In the Camden diocese all Engaged Encounter weekends take place at the Pope John Paul Center. The retreat is presented by three married couples and a priest who share personally and model verbal communication focused on feelings. To register go to* [*www.engagedencounter.org*](http://www.engagedencounter.org)

***Program unique to your parish****: Please**visit your parish website for more informati****on***

***The good news is that it is possible to live in love for a lifetime! Although it will not happen automatically in our current culture, there are exciting things to learn and discover that can equip and empower you to have the joyful marriage that you always dreamed you would. We are excited to share the journey ahead with you and believe that your passionate, intimate, permanent and life-giving marriage can reveal and manifest God’s love to us all.***