

Parental Blessing of the Engaged Couple

(Parents blessing their children is a long tradition among Catholics)

Parent name(s), we rejoice with you at your upcoming marriage. Throughout your life, we have tried to pass on to you the love we have received from God. We ask your forgiveness for the times we have failed.

May God bless you both with patience to bear with one another, courage to share daily your hopes and dreams, struggles and successes, and perseverance through life's difficulties.

Do not give up when marriage becomes hard, but lean on God whose strength and love is greater than yours.

May your love remind others of God's love. May it overflow to children, family, friends, and to those around you at work and in the community.

We offer you our blessing and support. (Trace the sign of the cross on the couple's forehead or extend your hand on their head or shoulder. End with hugs, handshakes, and a gift of a Bible or crucifix for their future home.)