

## Inviting Facilitators

Personally invite married couples (recommendation that they have been married at least three years). A sample recruiting letter is found on page 79.

Good people to assist you with names of potential Facilitators are those couples already active in some ministry in the Church, for example Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Parish Council members, RCIA teachers, etc, or couples who have attended a marriage encounter weekend or have been part of a Why Catholic group, etc.

When beginning a facilitator/mentor couple ministry in your parish it is good to have all your couples come to one training if possible. They will bond with each other through the course of the training and provide each other a support system for the ministry. If you are adding to an existing ministry, inviting your “veteran” Facilitators to be part of the training, possible at the end of the training, can be a great benefit to the new mentor couples.

When you have set a date for training, in the letter of confirmation, ask your new mentor couples to take *Fully Engaged* prior to coming to the training. Why? This allows them to:

- Go through the statements and become familiar with how the statements are worded
- Experience the feeling of taking the inventory and waiting for the results
- Begin the training using their personal lived experience as a basis for learning

It is important to give the Facilitator’s ample resources. A list of recommended brochures, booklets, etc is found on page 78. Also include material from your diocese and parish, particularly policies and guidelines. Dates and brochures of marriage preparation weekends, retreats or classes is also helpful.

If you have questions as you prepare for the training, please contact the Office of Marriage & Family at (320) 252-4721 or contact us at [www.getfullyengaged.com](http://www.getfullyengaged.com)