Dear _____________________,

Greetings in the joy of Christ. Congratulations on being called to the vocation of parenthood! As you and your family welcomes this child, be assured of our prayers as you seek to provide for your child’s physical, mental and spiritual needs. You have responded to the call of Holy Spirit and have requested Baptism for your child, the first step in the Sacramental life. It is a great joy for myself and the entire community at ____________Parish to begin this journey with you and your child. It is our sincere desire that the preparation for your child’s baptism be faith-filled and joyful. On our part, we will do our best to ensure that you receive the formation necessary to be the parents that God has called you to be.

One of the central responsibilities of parents is to be the primary evangelists and catechists of their children; teaching them to joyfully and faithfully know, love and serve God so as to be happy with Him in this life, and in the next. We are honored and privileged to help you teach your children about the love of God and are blessed to welcome _______________________ as a new Christian, and member of the Catholic Church at _________________________ {Parish}

As the pastor of _________________ I want to personally invite you to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and deeper love for your Catholic faith. As a minimum expression of your sincere desire to raise your child in a Christian home I invite you to the following:

1) Pray as a family each day.
2) Eat meals together as frequently as possible.
3) Keep Holy the Sabbath, attend Mass every Sunday and commit to Sunday as a family day.
4) Study the faith: Read Scripture and the Catechism, perhaps starting with the Gospels.
5) Go to the Sacrament of Confession frequently.

If you need help in any of these areas, or need to have your marriage blessed in the Church, I invite you to contact ________________________, who will be very happy to help you.

In Christ, Our Hope,

Fr. __________________

Pastor of ________________