

Dear [Name],

I hope this letter finds you in great happiness and excitement as you celebrate your engagement. I wanted to write to you personally because I am incredibly sorry that I won't be able to join you for the engagement ceremony. Due to [brief reason, e.g., a prior commitment/a family emergency/work obligations], I will be unable to attend and be part of this special moment in your life.

Please know how disappointed I am to miss out on the festivities, the laughter, and the chance to witness the start of this wonderful new chapter for you both. I have been looking forward to celebrating with you, but I hope you'll understand my situation.

Congratulations to you and [fianc  (e)'s name] on your engagement! I couldn't be happier for you both, and I wish you a lifetime of love, happiness, and togetherness. May your journey ahead be filled with countless beautiful memories and unwavering support for each other.

Once again, I'm truly sorry for missing out on such a joyous event. I hope to catch up soon and celebrate with you in person. Please convey my heartfelt wishes to everyone in the family as well.

With all my congratulations and warmest regards,

[Your Name]