Dear [Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for inviting me to your engagement celebration on [date]. It truly means a lot to me.

Regrettably, I must decline the invitation due to [reason, e.g., prior commitments, travel plans, etc.]. Please know that this decision was not made lightly, as I have immense respect and excitement for this new chapter in your life.

I wish you and [Partner's Name] all the happiness in the world as you embark on this beautiful journey together. I hope to celebrate with you in spirit and look forward to hearing all about your special day.

Warm regards,

[Your Name]