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Bishop of Orlando

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Walker
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Dear Lisa and Steve:

I am pleased to hear of the ministry that you do with youth through the Catholic HEART Workcamp. Although a privately sponsored program and not associated with the Diocese of Orlando or any of its parishes, I know that youth from our Catholic parishes have found their participation to be very enriching and meaningful.

I understand that both of you are active members of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and have experience in youth ministry in the parish. I'm sure these skills serve you well in your Catholic HEART Workcamp programs, exposing youth to service projects to assist those most in need. Compliance with the stringent requirements of the Bishop's Charter for Protecting God's Children is wise, protecting the most vulnerable and the good reputation of your organization,

From the experience of Orlando parish groups that have participated in the HEART Workcamp programs, I understand that the spiritual dimension of the participants is nurtured and enriched along with the strong focus on social justice and service to those most in need. You are to be commended in your commitment to preach the Gospel by living it daily with the youth entrusted to you and the volunteers who work with you in each of the workcamps.

May each person involved with the Catholic HEART workcamps, youth and adults alike, come to know Jesus more deeply through their experience of prayer, service and community. Truly your labors help to build the Kingdom of God in the hearts of the youth and those who benefit from their generous and joy-filled service.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
Bishop of Orlando