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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to gladly take the opportunity to enthusiastically endorse the Catholic Heart Workcamp experience. I've never seen the Benedictine model of "Ora et Lobora" lived out. I believe that CHWC is one of the most significant contributions in our country in the last 40 years.

I say that for 3 reasons; first I am very impressed with the professional and holy behavior of the staff members. CHWC is committed to following the Safe Environment regulations adjusting to comply with each diocese they serve within, as well as each diocese represented from the participants. They literally pour out their heart and service to all participants. I've seen it over and over again. Secondly, the daily celebration of Eucharist with the homily sets the tone for the whole day. In addition to that, one whole evening is given to a presentation on Eucharist and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is just truly amazing to see 200 to 300 students in reverent Adoration to the Lord. Thirdly, an entire evening is given to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To witness the young church patiently waiting to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful site. As I served as chaplain, this has become a lasting impression in my memory. Knowing that this takes place all over the country, is a gift to our Catholic church.

If you have any further questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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