



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
SCHOOL

"Be who you are
and be that well."
- St. Francis de Sales

August 19, 2015

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Catholic HEART Workcamp (CHWC) to demonstrate my experience with the organization and offer my support and recommendation, as well. I have been involved with CHWC since 2003, having served in the capacity of Chaplain to dozens of camps, and after a number of years in that role, served as the director of many more camps, as well. I have always experienced CHWC to be an organization that is firmly rooted in our Catholic faith and provides thousands of young people, each summer, with an opportunity to serve God's people all over the country. While the camps are primarily an experience of faith in action (service,) they utilize rich and varied experiences of sacraments, prayer, and teachings to weave a more complete understanding of what it means to be Catholic. The camp staff I have worked with over the years demonstrate a love of their faith and are eager to share that with the campers, thus strengthening the Church, as a whole.

As an organization, CHWC is firmly resolved to follow all regulations of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, as well as respect and honor the individual and particular policies and regulations of each (Arch)Diocese in which they serve. As the immediate past Chair of my religious congregations Board of Review, I am grateful for the manner in which CHWC approaches not only the training of its own staff, but the educating of young people and adults at the camps about these matters.

Several camps have enjoyed having the bishop of the diocese celebrate either the opening or closing mass of the camp. I have personally experienced this with Bishop Richard Stika of Knoxville, Bishop Jugis of Charlotte, and Bishop David Choby of Nashville. All of these bishops, in my experience, have had nothing but positive things to say about the efforts of CHWC.

After fourteen years of ministry with CHWC I am proud to highly recommend CHWC to you and without reservation. I had been ordained just over a year when I began working with CHWC, so my entire priesthood has really been shaped by the thousands of young people and adults who have been a part of the camps. I thank God for blessing me with CHWC and pray that their important work continue on. If you have any questions or require additional information do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely in St. Francis de Sales,

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