



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Secretariat for Pastoral and Educational Ministries

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To Whom it concerns,

This letter is a recommendation for Evangelical Catholic as an excellent partner in ministry for evangelization of young adult students at Newman Centers in the archdiocese. Evangelical Catholic began partnering with our Newman Center ministries in 2018 at University of Houston. Since the Newman Center at University of Houston began working with Evangelical Catholic, we have seen a steady and consistent rise in student participation and leadership development using the Evangelical Catholic model for evangelization. In addition to U of H, we now are partnering with Evangelical Catholic in Campus Ministry Centers including Rice University, Texas Southern University, and Sam Houston State University. Each campus is seeing growth both in student participation in general as well as in the number of students who are stepping into roles of leadership.

One exceptional aspect of Evangelical Catholic is their ability is to build a locally sustainable process for lay formation/training, which can keep bearing fruit even after the initial two to three-year intensive coaching period. The process has already proven to be fruitful in activating young adults to be apostles at the university, in their home parishes and into young family life.

I highly recommend Evangelical Catholic as a partner in ministry.

You are welcome to contact me if you would like more specific information related to my opinion of the merits of Evangelical Catholic in the archdiocese.

Sincerely,

James E. Barrette
Director