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To Whom It May Concern:

I enthusiastically offer my ecclesial endorsement for the work of The Evangelical Catholic (EC). My experience with their work began when I was the bishop of Raleigh, North Carolina. During my time there, the EC did excellent work to invigorate diocesan campus ministries at both Duke University and North Carolina State University.

Their work at North Carolina State was particularly powerful. Within years, they had coached the staff at the campus ministry to launch and sustain a ministry of evangelization that reached hundreds of students through evangelization small groups all over campus. Even with a limited staff (only a priest director), NC-State's campus ministry exploded with fruitful evangelical activity.

Now, as Bishop of Arlington, I am blessed to have six parishes partnering with The Evangelical Catholic. Their work with parishes has proven equally effective. The priests that are partnering with them speak very highly and enthusiastically about how the EC's staff has coached them to launch well-formed parishioners into the world with vibrant personal apostolates of evangelization.

I continue to encourage pastors to seriously consider ministry partnership with The Evangelical Catholic. I am convinced that their staff are exemplary consultants with robust experience in launching parishioners into the surrounding community to engage the Great Commission.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington