



## Diocese of Richmond

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Office of Vocations

1 July 2021

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as recommendation for *The Evangelic Catholic* and their work in assisting the diocese of Richmond Office of Vocations.

In May of this year, our office conducted a retreat/seminar with our diocesan seminarians (students ranging from newly received applicants, college seminarians, through deacons). The retreat involved introducing the men to the landscape of evangelization in the Church today from an American perspective, situating that landscape within the Church's call for the evangelization of the Church at-large and training up the laity for evangelization in the parishes, to teaching them about the basics of relational ministry as they anticipated summer assignments, pastoral year placements and upcoming ministry as diocesan priests.

I found the staff of *The Evangelical Catholic* to be professional, timely, and extremely adept to find creative ways of assisting my office in providing timely formation for the men in pastoral settings. Several video conferences and phone calls preceded the retreat, and a follow-up review was scheduled to evaluate the benefits of the program, with an eye to developing the approach of future presentations and projects.

Presently, I am working with the staff of *The Evangelical Catholic* to construct a comprehensive formation program to engage the men at various levels throughout their formation in here in the diocese.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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