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To Whom it Concerns,

This letter of recommendation is to endorse a great partner, Evangelical Catholic (EC), our friends and mentors in discipling our laity at Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Worth, Texas. In the Spring of 2021, under the guidance of our pastor Father Hoa Nguyen, we incorporated the EC program in our Formation ministries. Father Hoa was searching for a way to revitalize our parishioners after the negative effects of Covid in our church community. We are reaffirmed daily we made the right decision.

Over the past 2 years, we have experienced a steady and consistent rise in our participation in our Reach More discipleship program. We are now "grounded" in a sustainable process for lay formation, with this fall having another 17 adult members of our church completing EC training for missionary discipleship. Our EC disciples are creating small groups and welcoming people outside our community to join them in this beautiful journey with Jesus Christ and His Church.

The "fruit" of EC is much more than an all-encompassing 12-week discipleship course. Reach More is a complete program, engaging the clergy, staff members and the whole parish family about our Catholic faith and how we can better feed and serve our own "sheep" and our surrounding community. We consistently see people who enter our EC discipleship program as strangers, and once completing the course, walking out as brothers and sisters in Christ for life. In a large parish like ours, they may have never met each other.

It is easy for me to highly recommend Evangelical Catholic as a partner in your parish community. If you have any questions or need additional feedback, please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:mgannaway@holyfamilyfw.org">mgannaway@holyfamilyfw.org</a>.

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