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Dear Scanlan Board of Directors,

As Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Worth, Texas, I have seen first-hand the fruits of Evangelical Catholic's *Reach More* program in my parish. We are fairly new to the *Reach More* process as we have only partnered with them for a little over a year, however during that time we have run three training groups in our parish community. These men and women ranging in age from 19-79 have been trained to go out into our communities and live out their Baptismal calling to be disciples in the world. Our "point person" team has received excellent training from our coach, Mari Pablo, and they have grown in their faith and their calling to form disciples within our parish community to send forth to spread the good news. The ongoing support that they have received has enabled them to provide that same level of support to the men and women who have gone through the *Reach More* training process.

One of the things I appreciate most about the work of EC is that it spans all ages and socio-economic diversity. When we gather as a group it doesn't matter what age, race, gender, career or background you come from, we are ALL disciples being taught the skills necessary to go out into our family units, friend groups, workplaces and schools to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. This is the power of EC.

As our people have completed their training, they are living out their apostolates in our community and beyond. We have a college student who is walking alongside women on death row and a young mom who has started a small group of mothers that meets up for play dates and faith sharing. We have ladies who have partnered up to lead a small group that reflects upon the weekly scriptures and a gentleman who has gathered friends of differing faith backgrounds to reflect upon the scriptures and their faith journey. We have a single, retired woman who is accompanying parents of adult children who are not practicing the Catholic faith and a newly ordained Deacon who is using the skills he honed in EC in his ministerial work in the parish. The list goes on and on as parishioners are trained and sent forth.

EC was brought to my attention by one of our young adults who heard about it through a friend at the local college campus. Although I have not experienced EC on a campus, I know that the power of training campus ministry students directly affected our participation in EC at Holy Family. I fully support and highly recommend Evangelical Catholic to you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Hoa Nguyen

**Pastor** 

