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Ms. Shevawn Pearson  
MI Youth National Director, Marytown  
1600 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048

Dear Ms. Pearson,

I am pleased to endorse MAX Evangelization, the Catholic youth and young adult retreat team and evangelization program sponsored by the Militia of the Immaculata Movement. Your retreats have effectively brought our Holy Father's message and the Church's teaching to young people in a way that energizes them and inspires them to more deeply commit themselves to Christ.

In the spirit of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, the MAX Evangelization retreats hope to use the most modern methods for the purpose of "sanctifying souls through the Immaculata." By reaching out to young people in a way that they can understand, the MAX Evangelization parish youth retreats, pilgrimages, and special events provide an invaluable service to the Church. In a special way, I am grateful for all that the MAX mission teams do to foster love for and devotion to the Eucharist. It is before the Blessed Sacrament that so many young people are discovering their vocations and God's special plan for their lives.

I pray that through the intercession of Mary Immaculate and Saint Maximilian Kolbe, MAX Evangelization will touch countless souls. May God bless your work. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago