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Ms. Jennifer Baugh
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Young Catholic Professionals
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Dear Ms. Baugh,

With this letter, I am happy to invite Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) to start a chapter here in the Archdiocese of Chicago. In today's world of hustle and bustle, the need for deepening and renewing the faith lives of young adults who work as professionals is an important ministry for the Church to engage in.

The work that the YCP ministry has developed throughout the United States seems to have been successful in helping young adults make the strong connection between their faith and their work lives. I hope that YCP's focus on young adults that are working in professional settings will help to engage them in parish life and help them better understand the connection between their work and faith. I also hope that YCP's Chicago Chapter will work closely with parish communities to help them engage their members within the parish communities of the Archdiocese and connect them with other Catholic professionals of various backgrounds and generations.

It would be good if the YCP Chicago Chapter leadership would continue to work with and take direction from Msgr. Richard Hynes, the Director for the Department of Parish Life and Formation, and work in collaboration with Darius Villalobos and the Young Adult Ministry Office team to ensure that their efforts work toward the larger vision and goals of Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Chicago. This will also ensure that YCP Chicago has its own identity that takes the tenets of the YCP model and gives it a unique Chicago character that reflects the diversity and work ethic of a wonderful, Midwest city.

Many thanks to the leadership of the local YCP Chapter team for their work and efforts to bring this ministry to the Archdiocese of Chicago. I also thank you and those in the YCP National Offices for your support and commitment to developing this important and needed ministry. I look forward to seeing YCP Chicago develop into an exciting and thriving community that will engage young Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago for many years to come.

Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago