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Dear Monica,

Thank you for giving me the chance to say a few words of encouragement for "*Young Catholic Professionals*". I know that you have already been in contact with Armando Cervantes as the Director of our Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and have read his letter of endorsement of this past February.

I first got to know "*Young Catholic Professionals*" when I was the Bishop of Fort Worth. At that time, the group was just getting started in the "Metroplex" area of Dallas-Fort Worth, and I was really impressed by the strong desire for our young Catholic professional leadership to learn more about their faith so that they could live it more deeply in their daily lives.

We live in an age which at times, seeks to segment Faith only to worship on Sunday. *Young Catholic Professionals*, from my point of view, seeks to bring the vibrancy of our Faith to the lives of the at least 300,000 young people here in Orange County who identify themselves as Catholic. This will also give them a greater sense of belonging to the local Church and being able to witness to their Faith and make a significant contribution not only to the Diocese of Orange but to the common good of Orange County itself. I am confident as well, that the presence of *Young Catholic Professionals* will help to form our young Catholic leaders in mission and discipleship in the Lord, especially in this very significant time here in our Diocese, especially as we celebrate our 40th anniversary and work to continue to strengthen the mission of Christ Cathedral as a center for the local Church.

Please know of my prayer, support, and gratitude.

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

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