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Dear friends in Christ,

I wish, by this letter, to give my full support to the many different ministries offered by the Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE), situated in St. Malo, Manitoba. As a past board member and teacher at the CSE, I have seen God at work in the lives of so many people, young and old. Since its humble beginnings twenty years ago, many dedicated Catholics, clergy and mostly laity, have committed themselves to serve the youth and young adults of our Church so that they may encounter Christ and experience the power of his merciful love and consequently become witnesses to their faith in our secular world.

I truly believe the Church today is in great need of evangelization, of developing strong Catholic leaders and promoting the lay people's contribution to the life of the Church. The CSE has worked hard over the years to answer to that need. I personally have benefitted by their joyful and spirit-filled ministry. It has helped me become a better disciple of Christ and a more confident leader as a priest and now as a bishop. I have seen with my very eyes young people grow through the years and become dedicated Catholics in their parish communities, in diocesan activities or more specifically in ministries of the CSE because they were transformed and renewed in their faith by what they received through the CSE.

I therefore encourage all benefactors to consider supporting the CSE in their ongoing efforts and to all young people to check out what the CSE has to offer. May the Lord's blessing grant you fullness of life as you walk in his ways.

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