



## St. Barnabas Parish Family

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To whom it may concern,


I am writing this letter on behalf of Matt Schroeder, a young man of great courage and a true inspiration for others. He had been recommended to me as a guest speaker for our high school students by someone who had heard his presentation, and was deeply moved by the experience.

Matt addressed our Parish Youth Group on Sunday, February 21. We were all struck by his gift of presentation, his ability to challenge and to inject humor while doing so, and the witness value of his personal achievements. These achievements become more outstanding, once one is aware of the great physical difficulties he had to overcome due to a horrendous car accident.

Perhaps what is most striking about Matt is his positive attitude. It is infectious. One of the young men present for Matt's talk told his mother how impressed he was. (This from a sophomore boy who rarely says anything to his parents.) He told them that what Matt said really made him think, made him realize how lucky he is, and made him want to do the best he could with his life! Quite a testimony of the power of Matt's talk.

Truly, I would encourage you to invite Matt Schroeder to speak. He brings gifts that endear him to his listeners. You will be pleasantly surprised, I assure you.

Sincerely,

  
Sister Cordell Kopec, SND  
Youth Ministry Coordinator