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Re: letter of recommendation

To whom it may concern:

Last week the parishes of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Continental, and St. Barbara Catholic Church, Cloverdale, had a Lenten Series of four days of reflection during which a team of presenters representing the pastoral staff of St. Rita Medical Center, Lima, Ohio gave talks on the following topics: Spirituality of Awareness, Spirituality of Discovery, Spirituality of Acceptance, and closed with a Mass of Reconciliation. We were very privileged to have Mrs. Amy Marcum, Rev. Dr. Dennis Ward, Matt Schroeder, and Deacon Joseph Heeter speak on these various topics.

According to the majority of people who attended these days of reflection, the highlight of all four talks was the presentation by Mr. Matt Schroeder who presented his life's story in an engaging and humorous way. I was especially appreciative of how he reached the young people in our audience (grades 7 - 12). As a high school senior, Matt's heroic story begins with a serious automobile accident which easily could have claimed his life. However, through the skills of doctors and nurses, through the unflagging support of his parents and family, but even more so, through his Catholic faith and his strong belief in Jesus's healing power, Matt battled his way through agonizing weeks, months, & years of therapy to a state of recovery where he can walk again. During this time of recovery, he graduated from high school, went to college & graduated with highest honors, and then went on to post-graduate studies to receive a master's degree. His is a remarkable story of "true-grit" but not without a strong belief in God's providential care and healing.

Therefore, I sincerely write this letter of recommendation to anyone who wishes to bring his inspirational message to any and all ages. The Lord truly has blest our parishes with his message!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Robert J. Kill  
pastor