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By way of this communication, I wish to furnish you with this letter of good standing for Damascus, which might be given to individuals.

Damascus, which includes Catholic Youth Summer Camp, is headquartered in Centerburg, Ohio, within the Diocese of Columbus. This organization has been granted private juridic personality by the Bishop of Columbus. As a private juridic person, this organization and its leadership speak in their own name and not in *nomine Ecclesiae*.

The executive directors and the board of directors work willingly with my office and the curial offices of the Diocese of Columbus when asked and have acted in good faith. Their staff and missionaries, who work throughout the diocese in parishes or who offer retreats for youth, freely and closely adhere to diocesan safeguarding policies.

During the summer months, Damascus offers youth retreats which draw hundreds of young people as they attempt to awaken a missionary spirit and love for the Eucharist.

Most Revered Earl K. Fernandes  
Bishop of Columbus