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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to offer this recommendation for Austin Franke and his apostolate, Step into Silence. Step into Silence offers parishes an ingenious way to build a simple "on ramp" for people who are currently disconnected from Christ and his Church. The invitation to everyone – no matter where they are in their relationship with God – to enter a quiet church and sit in the Lord's Real Presence presents people with a non-threatening, low-threshold point of entry to life in Christ. Facilitating this kind of meaningful contact has the power to change lives and bring people back to the Church.

It is evident that Austin is a man of deep faith. He is also skilled in the area of marketing and communication, which will assist parishes in getting their "Step into Silence" invitation out to the margins, to the people in their parish boundaries who are not coming to Mass. Austin has also shown himself to be dependable in his execution of his apostolate, following through on his commitments and providing consistent updates on progress.

I encourage our parishes to consider working with Step into Silence. To assist, my office has grant money available to help offset the cost of a partnership. Please contact me for more information about this funding.

To inquire further about Step into Silence, please visit the website www.stepintosilence.com or contact Austin Franke at 501-744-3724, austin@woopunch.com.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Meghan Cokeley
Director