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# APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION

*Consecrating families to the Holy Family  
and in the truths of our Faith,  
in the spirit of Pope John Paul II*

John and Mary Timmons  
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Dear John and Mary,

I send you greetings in the Holy Family.

Thank you so much for all the sacrifices you have made and continue to make to strengthen family life through the work you conduct at the Ave Maria Retreat Center. It is wonderful to see all the families who so generously and devotedly assist you with so many hours of donated labor, recycling items from church closings to help you outfit and refurbish your facilities, as well as with financial donations, despite the very limited means of most of these dear families.

It is all a great testimony to God working through His consecrated children, as you so effectively promote and teach families about living the Catholic Faith and helping others to come to know the love of God in offering them solid training in living a life of faith in God.

Your work reflects the rather unique dimension of the Apostolate for Family Consecration which seeks to minister to and evangelize the family as a unit, as you continue to strive through your events to meet the needs of adults, youth, and children simultaneously in a beautiful natural environment of the acreage of the rolling plains, woods and waterways of central Illinois! It has been a pleasure and inspiration for me to serve the families as a guest chaplain for various events you have conducted over the years.

The staff of the Apostolate for Family Consecration supports all your efforts to bring the spirituality and mission of our organization to more and more families of the Midwest. We would be only too happy to encourage potential benefactors to also support your efforts and recommend you for consideration of grant support by any foundations that are seeking to strengthen our culture morally and spiritually.

Please be assured always of the continued support of our prayers for the work and future of the Ave Maria Retreat Center.

If I might offer any further assistance or testimony to the quality of the work God is accomplishing through you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

United in the Holy Family,

*Rev. Kevin S. Barrett*

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