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John and Mary:

I am happy to write this letter of support for the Ave Maria Retreat Center. I have enjoyed my week here very much and I want to encourage you in your efforts to continue to serve the Roman Catholic Church. These consecrated grounds are beautiful and very well suited to retreats. The facility is comfortable with a beautiful Chapel and the property allows for meditative walks and areas for prayer. It is quiet and peaceful, truly a work of God!

I have also been encouraged by the work you are doing to help sanctify families using the resources of the Apostolate for Family Consecration (AFC). I am familiar with the work of the AFC and have great respect for the resources they use to help the family in the education of the children and in the prayer life of the family. As Blessed Pope John Paul II said, "the future of world passes through the family" and your work in helping to consecrate families is especially important in the life of the church.

I am also particularly touched to see how willingly and generously you placed all of your resources at the service of the students and staff of Schlarman High School for their annual retreats. I am convinced that your facilities are a valuable resource for the spiritual ministry of this sector of the Diocese.

I am most happy to encourage you in your good work and I will pray for the Ave Maria Retreat Center.

In Christ,

Fr. Nathan Cromly, C.S.J