

St. Anthony Catholic Church

423 South Third Street - Post Office Box 414 - Hoopston, Illinois 60942-0414
Office: 217-283-6211 Religious Ed Office: 217-283-6249 Fax: (217) 283-6252

Diocese of Peoria

March 4, 2009

Department of Revenue,

Please find enclosed my letter of confirmation stating that the Ave Maria Retreat Center, (located in Danville, IL) is indeed a center which provides the wonderful environment and spiritual activities for the praise of worship of God, in the Catholic tradition.

My name is Pastor Bo Schmitt. I am the current pastor of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hoopston, IL. My church is located close by the Ave Retreat Center.

I regularly help to assist and offer my services there. For example, I celebrate the Mass, offer the Sacraments, give spiritual and catechetical talks, and also hold retreats there.

I can assure you that this center is being used for the enhancement of one's Christian faith, and that many persons visit this location regularly. The center is located in a wooded area that is very secluded, and its location is a perfect place for people to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

I have never seen this facility being used for any other purposes, other than for the development of one's faith. Please be assured that this Retreat Center is being true to the "mission" that it was founded for.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (217) 283-6211.

Father Bo Schmitt

Father Bo Schmitt Pastor
St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Hoopston, IL 60942