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To whom it may concern:

Each year our parish sponsors a Mission Renewal. This is the first year we had a layperson conduct the Mission Renewal.

Paul Koleske a Catholic in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Archdiocese has a Lay Catholic Speaking and Music Ministry and conducts Parish Missions.

Paul was recommended to us by several local pastors and our committee took this recommendation to our pastor and staff. Several members of the Renewal Committee attended one of Paul's Missions being conducted at a local parish. We decided to contract Paul to conduct our Mission held this past October.

Paul was well received by our parish. He spoke at all of our weekend Masses, conducted a concert on Sunday evening and gave presentations each of three evenings. Paul made himself available to our religious education students and our parish school students. They, too, found his presentations inspiring and meaningful. Paul is an inspirational speaker and a great musician. He selects songs that highlight the topics discussed giving the participants a clear message.

Paul truly lives out his baptismal call by sharing his faith with great conviction. We are so happy we took the risk and exposed our people to a non-ordained man of faith to direct our Mission Renewal.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at the above address if you seek additional information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

James P. Finn, Pastoral Associate