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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the work of St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) here in the Diocese of Lafayette.

SPSE Evangelists work in obedience to the Catholic Church and in fidelity to her teachings. Their approach is non-confrontational, offering pamphlets, rosaries, and religious medals to passers-by in the Acadiana community, going wherever people are gathered. Their outreach may be on a street corner, at a festival/farmer's market or even at a football game. Their street ministry serves to share the love of Jesus Christ with today's hurting culture that is seeking truth. SPSE's goal is to share with non-Catholics why we believe what we do; to encourage those Catholics who have "fallen away" to come back to the Church through the Sacrament of Confession; and, to pray with and for all who they meet, where they meet them.

I wholeheartedly support their evangelization efforts as we work together as one Catholic community to minister to the people of Acadiana.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette

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