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To Whom It May Concern,

Recently, my office hosted Saint Paul Street Evangelization's Basic Evangelization Training (BET) workshop. It is an event that I recommend for a diocese or parish for a number of reasons.

First, the BET was very practical and hands on. The workshop instruction was interspersed with ample time for attendees to work in small groups to practice evangelizing. Attendees had time to practice sharing their personal faith story, an opportunity to proclaim the kerygma to each other, and to practice praying spontaneously with each other. These moments gave our attendees confidence in their ability to evangelize because they had a safe environment in which to practice these fundamentals of evangelization.

Also, the workshop was genuinely "basic" in the sense that it did not presume prior formation in evangelization. This made the workshop accessible to anyone who wished to attend.

The workshop also gave attendees basic evangelization knowledge and skills that are applicable to all forms of evangelization, not just street evangelization. The skills that were developed can be used in the setting of parish, school, family, and door-to-door, as well as in the street.

Finally, the content of the workshop was authentically Catholic. The BET roots everyone in an understanding of Christ-centered evangelization that proceeds from the heart of the Church. Attendees came away with a stronger sense that evangelization relies on prayer as its source of efficacy and it showed them what gifts and tools are available to us in the Church to help us evangelize. Of particular importance was the instruction in the use of sacramentals for efficacious evangelizing.

I recommend the Basic Evangelization Training as a practical and genuinely effective aid in igniting the new evangelization in a diocese or parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Director