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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I am writing this letter to recommend Steven R. Hemler for his outstanding work in Catholic Apologetics and all types of catechesis.

Steve has been a leader in youth and adult catechesis for many years. He has built up a very good adult formation program, and he has been able to take this program to other areas of our Vicariate to present it to parish communities. One successful program that Steve has developed and presented is "Faith and Big Questions: A Catholic Christian Apologetics Program," which covers many of the key beliefs of our faith.

At our annual diocesan Christian Formation Conference, Steve has presented break-out sessions to hundreds of people from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Yemen. His talks are very well prepared and the people attending his sessions always make very good comments on the Evaluation Forms. He has presented the following sessions at our annual conference:

- 2007 - *Church History*, co-presented with Tim O'Rorke
- 2008 - *Vatican II and You*, co-presented with Tim O'Rorke
- 2009 - *Effective Adolescent Catechesis*, co-presented with Linda Hemler
- 2010 - *Does God Exist? The Scientific Evidence* and *Why Would a Loving God Allow Evil, Pain and Suffering?*
- 2011 - *How Do We Attain Eternal Salvation?* and *What is the Purpose of Life?*
- 2012 - *Islam and Christianity: A Comparison and Contrast* and *Is Jesus Truly the Son of God?*

It is our loss, here in the Vicariate, that Steve has returned to the United States. I am sure that his home diocese will be very blessed with his enthusiasm, knowledge and readiness to work in any catechetical capacity.

God Bless,

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