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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my joy to introduce to you a wonderful initiative to strengthen Christian marriages which has been proven successful in several parishes of our Archdiocese.

“The Marriage in Christ Seminar” is theologically sound, faithful to Catholic teaching, and practical. It combines the results of the best social science research with the practical wisdom and experience of a lay Christian community open to the working of the Holy Spirit. Rooted in the Sacred Scriptures, it offers married couples a solid foundation for married life, and forms them in the practice of daily prayer infused with God’s Word.

The principal authors of the Marriage in Christ Seminar materials are Joel Kibler and Bill Wacker. Bill Wacker is a personal friend of mine and has my trust, because of the deep integrity with which he lives his life of faith. Bill is a member of the People of Praise, and is a deeply committed Catholic. He was a close friend of Monsignor Jerome Quinn and years ago finished his biblical work posthumously. He was also headmaster for Trinity School at River Ridge for almost 20 years. The Marriage in Christ Seminar is an outreach ministry of the People of Praise Christian Community. I know the People of Praise and am aware of the good work that they do.

The three key elements of the Marriage in Christ Seminar are friendship with God, friendship with one’s spouse, and invoking the power of the Holy Spirit to meet the challenges of living out faithfully the marriage vocation. The couples are guided each day by PTA which is Prayer (as a couple), Talk (conversation starters) and Act (practical acts of love).

I think you will be impressed and captivated with the participant manual for the Marriage in Christ Seminar. I can't say enough good things about Bill and his wife and the seminar. I urge you to take a little time to preview the materials of the Marriage in Christ Seminar, and to prayerfully consider using the Marriage in Christ Seminar as part of your pastoral plan to strengthen and enrich the lives of couples in your parish community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., D.D.
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