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To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to offer my support for **Patris Corde Hermitage**, a truly beautiful place of silence and solitude for people who desire to encounter God. Rooted in the example of St. Joseph and inspired by Christ's invitation to "come away and rest awhile," the hermitage provides a sacred and peaceful environment where priests, religious, and lay faithful may encounter the Lord in the quiet of prayer and renew their relationship with Him.

I was blessed to visit Patris Corde this past July; founders John and Ashleigh Ryan have built a wonderful refuge from the noise and distractions of the modern world, a deserted place where souls can fast, pray, and encounter God. They have already completed construction of six hermitages—with plans to build several more—as well as a beautiful chapel.

Through its ministry of providing a space for silent retreat and contemplation, Patris Corde's mission is to foster spiritual renewal that will support the evangelizing mission of the Church. I hope that every person who visits the Hermitage will experience a personal encounter with the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

I am glad to commend the mission and vision of the Ryans and Patris Corde Hermitage, and encourage support for their important work. May the Holy Spirit always lead us in truth and charity.

In Christ,

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