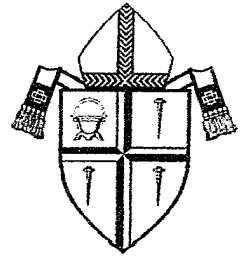


December 20, 2005
Fourth Week of Advent



Office for Marriage
and Family Life

Dear Pastor,

It gives us great pleasure to write to you regarding Angela King and the Goretti Group.

Each day, Don and I become more aware of how teachings on chastity, purity and holiness are needed in our culture and church. Our late Pope John Paul II, clearly identified this need in his writings. In *Familiaris Consortio*, he speaks about remote, proximate and immediate stages of marriage preparation. The parents of our children are the primary and first teachers of the faith. However, during the important proximate stage, our schools and parishes provide an important supportive role in the education of the virtue chastity.

It has become increasingly important in our present culture to provide our children, youth and young adults with the truth about how to make correct choices in their lives. This message needs to be spoken in a positive, life-giving way by those who have a passion and gift for communicating these vital messages.

We have experienced this life-giving passion in the young, vibrant and dedicated people involved in the Goretti Group. The speakers from the Goretti Group speak from their minds, hearts and experiences with positive and fruitful guidance to those who are being bombarded through the media with the opposite message. Pope John Paul recognized the gifts and passion in the youth, and through World Youth Day, inspired many young people to be involved in their faith and bring it to others. We are fortunate to have in our Diocese those who have heard the message of the Gospel and not only are living it in their own lives but also have the urgency to bring the message to ALL!

We do not want our youth, young adults, engaged and even married couples to miss out on the blessings and gifts that will be showered on them through following the teachings of Jesus through Scripture and the Church. We see the tremendous good and the fire of the Holy Spirit working through this group.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don & Jan Keith".

Don and Jan Keith
Directors
Marriage and Family Life