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To whom it may concern:

My name is Beth Kathol and I have known the Matthew Larson for over 2 years. He has volunteered as a catechist, small group leader, chaperone, and event organizer at Church of the Ascension for 4 years now, where I am the Director of Faith Formation.

I am writing to recommend that you consider Matthew as an addition to your teaching faculty. In all my years of experience, some individuals stand out for their great qualities and Matthew is definitely one of those people. He is well known for his creativity, work ethic, positive attitude, teamwork mentality, leadership, and most of all for getting students excited about what they are learning. He is well respected throughout the organization for always going above and beyond anytime there is a need in our parish.

During his time here, he played an important role in being a catechist, in which he teaches two different classes, both 2nd grade and 9th grade, each Wednesday. Throughout the time I've known him, he has shown me time and again that he is a positive, motivated teacher with a strong and sincere desire that his students understand and love what they are being taught. While Matthew is very skilled at using whatever curriculum he is given, he also uses his creativity and energy to make the subject matter come alive to his students using every sort of hands-on medium he can find. He always comes to his classes well prepared and makes the extra effort to communicate with parents what their child is learning each week. By far, he has been one of the best catechists I have had the privilege of working with.

Matthew has also chaperoned many youth events including a high school youth rally, a trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis and various other youth activities in our diocese. Twice now Matthew has developed, organized, and taught a three-day children's parish mission that corresponded with our adult parish mission.

In summation, due to his great attitude, dedication and excellent teaching skills, I would heartily recommend that you accept Matthew Larson for the teaching position at your institution. I know that he would be as great an asset to your team as he has been to mine.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached at 701-258-5692 or at bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org.

Sincerely,

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