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Dear Steve,

On behalf of the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), thank you for your work preparing pilgrim groups for World Youth Day in Krakow. It was wonderful to celebrate in solidarity with you in Poland.

We are especially grateful to you for your collaboration with the USCCB World Youth Day USA office over the past several years. We are humbled by the amount of time and energy you put into your pilgrimage work, and pray it was a good experience for you as well.

Pope Francis extended his own gratitude to the pilgrims, saying to those assembled outside the papal window at the Archbishop's Residence in Krakow: "Let us thank the Lord for giving us these examples of courage, of courageous young people who help us to persevere! So do not be afraid, do not be afraid! God is great, God is good and we all have something good inside us." (July 27, 2016)

Your investment in the World Youth Day experience confirms what the Holy Father challenged us to consider during this pilgrimage: "Jesus pushes us to keep our sights high and to dream of great things." (July 28, 2016) Thanks to you, we were truly able to accomplish great things.

Please be assured of our prayers as you continue in your own journey beyond World Youth Day. Once again, thank you for your collaboration and dedication to the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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