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Mr. David Z. Abel  
Stewardship: A Mission of Faith  
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Dear David:

By means of this letter I renew and even strengthen the past endorsements you have received from the Diocese of Harrisburg for the very important apostolate of "Stewardship: A Mission of Faith". Your Catholic identity and fidelity to the Church, its teachings and its mission are clearly established and fostered in every dimension of these works.

In my time as Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, I have come to know you, David, personally and have the highest regard for you as an exemplary Catholic layman and as the leader of these Christ-centered organizations. You have experienced the power of God's grace in your own life and through this conversion, God has given you a driving passion to witness to the saving love and mercy of God for us through Christ Jesus. I have personally experienced how your public testimony to our spiritual need for the Sacrament of Penance has led men back to confession after long years of absence.

With the assurance of my personal support and encouragement, I affirm and commend to all clergy, religious and laity in the Harrisburg Diocese these wonderful works of evangelization, conversion and catechesis. We need Christ – the Way, the Truth and the Life – to be our food and strength. Please welcome these apostolic works into your parishes, schools and homes.

God has begun a very good work in you. By His grace may we see abundant fruits for Christ and His Church for the salvation of souls.

With gratitude for all you do in collaboration with my ministry and with the pledge of my continuing prayers, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald W. Gainer".

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer