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Your Excellency,

We would like to invite you to a luncheon hosted by Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., on **Wednesday, November 13th at 12:30 p.m.** in a dining room (to be determined) at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel during our November USCCB Conference in Baltimore.

Fr. Spitzer will update you on the Magis Center's Credible Catholic Program which helps to prevent attrition of our young people from faith by presenting evidence for God, the soul, Jesus, and the Church, giving emphasis to the close connection between faith and science. The Pew Survey predicts that about 45% of our young people will leave their faith, and fully 50% of them will do it for one reason – the false perception of a contradiction between faith and science. The Credible Catholic Program has achieved significant results in helping more than 90% of students overcome this false perception and maintain their faith.

We have known Bob Spitzer for many years. He is President and Founder of Magis Center of Reason and Faith (www.magiscenter.com and www.crediblecatholic.com) and was president of Gonzaga University from 1998 until 2009. He is the author of twelve books and many scholarly articles in the areas of faith, science, philosophy, and spiritual life. He appears weekly on Catholic television (Father Spitzer's Universe) and is featured on numerous national TV programs.

The Credible Catholic Program is a **free** resource for middle schools, high schools, and confirmation programs (there is a version of the program for each audience). This is a supplemental program that can be used in virtually every existing school and faith formation program, and the Magis Center will provide trainers to your diocese free of charge. To view the program, go to www.crediblecatholic.com. Click on the large red button "7 Essential Modules." Select "15+," "12+," or "Spanish translation." You may download all 7 Modules, along with the Student Workbook, free of charge.

The Credible Catholic Program is now being integrated into 99 U.S. dioceses and will be integrated into the entire school system of Ireland (454 high schools) next year. It will also be introduced to Great Britain, Australia, India, and Malta in 2020. It will be offered to Mexico and the rest of Latin America at the end of next year.

If your diocese is not currently using this Program, we encourage you to come to the luncheon to view its accessibility and production value. If your diocese is already using it, please come and see our new middle school and Spanish programs which will be specially featured.

Fr. Spitzer hopes you will lend your support to bringing the Credible Catholic Program to your diocese. Given the results of the beta test surveys, we believe this Program has the potential to significantly mitigate the attrition of our young people from faith in God. Please RSVP to susan@magiscenter.com by November 9th, 2019.

With prayerful best wishes, we are

Fraternally in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop Charles Chaput, Bishop Robert Barron

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