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Rev. Ron Elliott,
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Dear Father Elliott:

A blessed New Year to you and your Parish, Father!

My name is Fr. Jim Gigliotti, T.O.R. and I am the Pastor of Saint Maria Goretti Parish here in Arlington, Texas. We are Third Order Regular (T.O.R.) Franciscans and I'm blessed with another Friar, Fr. Mike Ciski, T.O.R. as Parochial Vicar. I understand you will be hosting Mr. Tim Francis in our Parish for one of his dynamic presentations. You will find this young man very faithful to the Gospel message and quite grounded in our Catholic Eucharistic spirituality.

We have Perpetual Adoration here, for nearly thirteen years now, and this has brought many blessings to us all. Tim Francis and his heart-felt message really captured attention of our people, directing them to Christ with a deeper appreciation of the Real Presence in the Eucharist and the many graces that flow for the liturgy itself, and continued in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I was impressed with his complete embracing of the Mission to share with other lay Catholic Faithful how Christ has deepened his faith life, affecting his marriage bond and family life. He has a gift of being able to reach men and women and teenagers, and families. Our Youth Group particularly enjoyed the two different presentations he gave here over a year's time. And as a Pastor of souls, I know you will be glad to know, at least in our experience here, attendance at daily Mass more than doubled and continues to thrive. Those coming to Adoration tripled in number, to the point our smaller chapel could not hold those wanting to "Come and watch" even for an hour. I honestly can testify to the solid material Tim Francis shares.

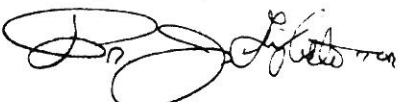
I encouraged our people, in the Sundays prior to these talks, to bring those they know who have perhaps left the Church, or fallen away from the practice of the Faith. I encouraged our Youth Minister to bring the younger members of the parish and encourage them to bring their friends, even non-Catholics who might want to know something of our Eucharistic spirituality. Our RCIA or "Faith Formation Director" also brought those in the RCIA program as an enhancement to their faith journey. All who came were truly edified! The Holy Spirit touched some who eventually came into the Church. It is marvelous to see our lay people sharing the faith with others, encouraging them to celebrate the best of what we have as a Catholic community.

He's a rock-solid presenter and you need have no hesitations of his grounded and valid message. I know you will come to thank the Good Lord after Tim has been hosted in your parish, Father. He is the Lord's own good Instrument. Long after this, you will see the fruits of what was sown among you and praise God for such people who are courageous and dedicated to "going out" after Mass and sharing the blessings freely given in our Eucharistic celebrations.

If you have any questions, Father, please feel free to contact me. My cell is 817.229.0752. The Parish Office number is 817.274.0643.

God bless you and your Associate Pastor and your staff in His New Year. And of course, through you all bless your good people in the Parish of St. John LaLande Catholic Church.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Jim Gigliotti, TOR
Pastor