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Dear Alumni, friends and supporters of JP II, Radway:

I am writing to you on behalf of alumni and friends of JP II as a past Director.

Sometimes, it is important to look back and see all that God has accomplished through our lives. Did you know that nearly a thousand young people (and elders as well), have had their lives completely transformed by their year at John Paul II Bible School? Also, do you know that more than one hundred and fifty thousand students know about Jesus and all He is willing to do for them if they but surrender in faith and love, as a result of the outreach that you as students undertook?

You can stand tall in well-deserved pride for all you did to proclaim the good news of Jesus. You did your part to fulfill the words of the Pope: *"It is youth that must evangelize youth!"* So, God bless you and thank you for all your efforts. I know you did this out of a heart full of love for God. And let there be no mistake - Jesus who repays even a cup of water given in His name, will never forget you.

I also want to tell you that the Bible School has not died. Schools like it are popping up all over in answer to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It makes me think of our Lord's words: *"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit."* I am persuaded by all that is happening, that this is indeed the case.

Five years ago, Fr Neil Vaney from New Zealand, spent three weeks with us in Radway. He was so inspired by our "Novitiate for Laity" that he determined to return home and really get to work on a similar school for kiwis (New Zealanders). During his stay in Radway, I had a sense that God wanted to prosper such schools worldwide and He would commence to do so in a country far off, in a place least expected.

The New Zealand school is now into its fourth year and well known as the Catholic Discipleship College (www.cdc.ac.nz). Four Canadians have been accepted for the coming year, which for them, begins in February. Each year since its inception three

years ago, Catholic Discipleship College in New Zealand has trained Canadian students for ministry in our own country. From what I have written, you can see that we are part of a worldwide fellowship. We have a sense of belonging no matter where we go in this world.

Brothers and Sisters, we received countless blessings during our stay at John Paul II Bible School. Wouldn't you agree with me that it is now our turn to give back something for all that we have received?

Would you please join with me in supporting the Bible College in Auckland, New Zealand? They are only a small country with a limited number of Catholics. They need our economic help if they are going to survive. What if each of us made a commitment every year for three to five years to give \$100? What would our contribution look like? Would it not make a huge difference as to whether the school down under continued in accord with the Lord's plan?

Please, I ask you to consider today what is your part in God's plan. Listen carefully once more to His Word: *"Give gifts and gifts will be given to you, full measure, pressed down and running over will be poured into your lap."* So give. Give with a joyful and expectant heart. Then just sit back and watch what God will do for you – He is *never* outdone in generosity.

And finally, do take advantage of the good work being done by the Catholic Discipleship College in Auckland, New Zealand. No doubt, you have family and friends who have yet to hear that such a school exists and who would consider attending their nine month course. You know first hand, what such an investment of a few short months can bring to your life. With the current favorable exchange rates, the costs of travel and attendance are comparable with those of JP II. Please be enthusiastic in recommending the College if the opportunity arises.

God love and Bless you!



Kilian O'Donovan
Former Director
JP II Bible School

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