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Dear Knights of Columbus,

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Krump. I have been a parishioner at St. Michael's since I can remember and have recently served as the World Youth Day co-coordinator for the youth pilgrimage to Spain in 2011. I am currently in my third year studying Communications at Simon Fraser University. As a student, life is often filled with plenty of ups and downs; on top of that, I have found that living out my Catholic faith in a secular school environment can often be tough. I am blessed to have found the encouragement that I need in my faith through attending the past two World Youth Days with St. Michael's Parish but also through connecting with a group called Catholic Christian Outreach at SFU. Participating in faith outreach with CCO has made me more aware and thankful for how God has worked in my own life. This May I am excited to share that experience with other young people by going on CCO's summer mission project, IMPACT in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Pope John Paul II states: "Young people are and ought to be encouraged to be active on behalf of the Church as leading characters in evangelization and participants in the renewal of society." CCO is a university movement dedicated to encouraging young people to develop their relationship with Christ through weekly faith studies, large group meetings, retreats, conferences, and Christian community.

Another aspect of CCO is to challenge students to consider volunteering for a summer to do missions. Again, in the words of Pope John Paul II: "Missionary drive has always been a sign of vitality... missionary activity renews the church, revitalizes faith and Christian identity, and offers fresh enthusiasm and new incentive. Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!"

I have been selected as one of sixty young adults who will travel to Halifax with CCO to participate in a 14-week mission called Impact, from May 3 – August 11. There, we will be working, at the invitation of the Archbishop, to assist the Archdiocese in its ongoing mission of evangelization, especially among their young people. We will spend time living in community and being trained for parish missions and youth outreaches.

Finally, I will also be working for CCO over the course of the summer as part of a Communication student co-op in order to place my career skills at the service of the Church and to develop deeper competence in my field to prepare me for a job once I graduate university. I am very excited about the opportunity to serve God and the church in Halifax and to grow in my faith through this experience. Impact and Co-op will be both great spiritual and practical investments in my life, and I am looking forward putting the valuable skills I learn on mission into action when I return.

To participate in this mission project and co-op, I am responsible for raising a portion of the cost through tax-deductible donations to cover training, accommodations, food and transportation; the amount is \$8100. I ask you to prayerfully consider helping me by making a donation. I have included a donation form. I hope you will see this as a wonderful opportunity to invest in the spiritual and leadership development of young people. I would also be happy to attend one of your meetings to explain more about the mission!

If you have any questions, please call me at 604-520-1117. Thank you for your time and consideration. God bless!

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