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Pacem in Terris
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To Whom it May Concern,

Before each semester begins at North Central University, and before my annual summer trip to the Middle East, I have been blessed to take a two day hermitage retreat at Pacem in Terris. What a joy it is to focus on Christ, getting fresh vision for what's ahead in the future, processing the past, and receiving fresh strength for the challenge at hand.

The simplicity of Pacem in Terris draws me to it over and over. The food is simple, but nutritious and lovingly prepared. The hermitage cabins are comfortable without being gaudy or motel like. The trails are a joy to walk, and my favorite thing is to reflect on the large cross on the trail on the edge of the woods. As one from a religious tradition that emphasizes exuberance more than contemplation, Pacem in Terris allows me to develop the contemplative part of my life in a setting that is conducive to that stream of divine life.

The staff are wonderful, prayerful, and the whole atmosphere is bathed in prayer. May you continue to allow God to use you to help many find the fresh rest in Christ that I have received each time I have come.

In His Incomparable Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Brenneman".

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