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April 18, 2011

Mr. Barry Dean
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Dear Mr. Dean:

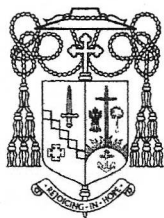
It was a pleasure to see you again at our meeting at the Chancery on March 18, 2011. Your mission statement and the accompanying goals for the Association of Catholic Coaches are very exciting. It is so important to form and support those Catholic adults who form by word and example our children as they learn in the context of sporting activities. Good Catholic coaches will form good young men and women to live and grow in their Catholic faith.

With this letter please know that you have permission to approach pastors in the Archdiocese of Mobile to ask for their support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, may the Lord bless and prosper your efforts to establish the Association of Catholic Coaches.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Stephen E. Martin".

Very Reverend Stephen E. Martin
Executive Director for Pastoral Services



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Office of the Bishop

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My Dear Friend,

I am happy to endorse the effort of Barry Dean, a devout Catholic and Alabama native with extensive experience in coaching, who is launching an Association of Catholic Coaches to assist coaches throughout our country.

Men and women in the coaching profession provide athletes not only with skills to compete athletically but also with human and spiritual skills to live an upright Christian life. They are role models and mentors to the many athletes under their direction.

With all the pressures on coaches these days, they need modeling and mentoring themselves. They need the support of other coaches who share their vision, values, and virtues.

My prayers are with Coach Dean as he assembles this group of dedicated Catholic coaches.

May he and they experience the support of the Catholic community as they provide a framework for living and modeling the Christian life for many dedicate coaches throughout our nation.

With my good wishes and prayerful support, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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