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Dear Ms. Branaman,

As I believe you are aware, Saint Peter's School is preparing to apply for the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) Green Schools certification. We have been working towards this goal since last school year, under the approval of Mr. Spadoni, and will continue with the encouragement of Mr. Abreu and Ms. DeZinno. We plan to submit our first application in March of 2024, with the goal of recertification every 4 years after that.

In addition to implementing environmental education instruction, holding school-wide celebrations, and completing a variety of student-driven sustainable practices, we would like to emphasize the components of Saint Peter's Catholic identity that relate to our goals of creating a more sustainable environment. By partnering with your office, as well as the Office of Social Concerns, we aim to bring the education and awareness of Cardinal Gregory's Laudato Si' Action Plan to the students of Saint Peter's. We have been in touch with Ian Mitchell, in the Office of Social Concerns, and he has agreed to come speak to the students this spring.

With this letter, we ask for confirmation of your approval of this certification process and for your support with our continued efforts. Thank you in advance for your time. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Margaret Giron
Chair, Saint Peter's Green Team

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