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Dear Margaret,

I am delighted to hear that you, as Chair of the St. Peter's Green Team, along with Interim Principal Mr. Abreu and Interim Vice-Principal Ms. DeZinno, are preparing to apply for the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Green Schools certification. I know this is a time intensive project and I applaud this effort.

I am equally delighted that you will be emphasizing the components of St. Peter's Catholic identity while bringing education and awareness of Cardinal Gregory's Laudato Si' Action Plan to the students. I understand you plan to partner with the Office of Social Concerns in the Archdiocese of Washington to help convey the messages of what it means to bring sustainable practices in the context of everyday life. Utilizing the Archdiocese Office of Social Concerns will be a valuable resource for this project.

I wholeheartedly approve this certification process to obtain Green School's certification at St. Peters.

Please invite me to the certification celebration.

In prayer for successful completion and implementation,

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