

St Mary's Church, Athlone
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Coosan, Athlone

Dear [redacted]

June 3rd. 2016

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your well earned summer holidays.

I am writing to you following a letter that I have written to your principal to express my thanks to you and all the staff involved in the selection process of sending two pupils from your school as a Youth Helper in Lourdes. I greatly appreciate the amount of time, energy and commitment that goes into planning such an event in the midst of many other demands on the school diary.

However without the commitment and dedication of teachers and chaplains such as yourself, the ground work of advertising such an event to the students, encouraging them to take part, assessing those who apply and the fundraising involved might never happen. I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to you and your colleagues for all your help.

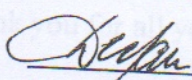
Secondly, I would like to commend the two students sent from your school namely [redacted] and [redacted]. They proved themselves to be of fine calibre and were exemplary in their behaviour. Their willingness to take part in any events asked of them and their work with the assisted pilgrims deserves great recognition. It gives me great pleasure as Youth Director of the pilgrimage to commend them for their behaviour, attitude, commitment and dedication.

Both their school and their families have every reason to be justly proud of them as fine ambassadors. I would appreciate if you would pass these sentiments of gratitude and praise to the staff, especially those who were actively involved in selecting and facilitating their participation as well as to [redacted] and [redacted] themselves. It is of great importance that we recognize such good behaviour and dedication and compliment our youth accordingly.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to record my thanks to you [redacted] for all your help on the pilgrimage. I look forward to your continued support and assistance in the future.

Wishing you a refreshing summer and a well-earned rest.

Yours sincerely,


Rev. Declan Shannon
Lourdes Youth Director.

