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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Bob Schuchts, a licensed counselor residing in the state of Florida. Dr. Schuchts has been to St John Vianney Seminary in Minnesota, for at least five years in a row, to provide a conference entitled, "Freedom and Victory Workshop," for our first year seminarians. The goal of the conference is to assist each man in the full integration of sexual desires, emotions and bodily urges, with the virtue of chastity. Self-knowledge and self-awareness are certain fruits of the conference for almost all attendees. Men in our culture today are barraged by pornographic images, and many find themselves enslaved to viewing these images daily, and acting out either with another, or themselves. Dr. Schuchts retains a very strong Catholic perspective in judging our sexuality to be a gift from God, good in itself, but disharmonized in some measure by the effects of both original and personal sin, resulting in every man's need to keep vigilance and persevere in the fight for self-mastery.

As I tell the seminarians, when I introduce Dr. Schuchts, it is not uncommon to run into counselors who possess knowledge in their trade. It is also the case that studied theologians can be found in all dioceses and many academic circles. Thirdly, it is true that prayer warriors, spirit-filled Christians and Catholics, can be found in most parishes. However, it is very uncommon to have all three of those gifts (knowledge of psychology, wisdom from theology, and a deeply spiritual/prayerful soul) located in one human being. Still, these are the gifts that God has given to Dr. Schuchts. When Dr. Schuchts leads our men through this three day conference, he also makes himself available for personal counsel and prayer, with each man who requests that private time. It is a tremendous witness of generosity. One thing I love about his approach to counseling is that he does not just listen to an individual and provide feedback, but in that very session he also listens to the Holy Spirit, while both together pray to hear God's voice. The seminarians speak with tremendous gratitude, about their time with Dr. Schuchts, and testify to personal growth by God's grace.

To all who are considering bringing Dr. Schuchts to your institution for presentations and/or counseling, I would highly recommend you receive him with joy. Your people will be deeply touched by God's grace, and find themselves transformed step by step into the human person they are intended to be: free, virtuous, in love with God.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,



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