



Diocese of Buffalo

## Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

A member of the Division of Evangelization & Catechesis

Dear Colleague,

I am truly excited to share this letter of introduction and recommendation with you! It is my privilege to introduce you to **Carrie Ann Ford**, a musician and ministry leader from the Diocese of Buffalo who is expanding the scope of her ministry to the national level. I have worked with Carrie for several years, and I can honestly and wholeheartedly recommend her for potential ministry opportunities in your diocese.

Over the past several years, Carrie has partnered with our department often, serving as keynote presenter, leading the worship team and presenting popular breakouts at diocesan youth ministry conferences. She is also well-known in many of our parishes and Catholic high schools as she has led retreats, concerts and evenings of reflection around our diocese. **Carrie is as qualified and professional as any nationally-known presenter with whom I have worked, and she is ready to share her gifts beyond Western New York.**

Carrie's ministry includes community-building, story-telling, music, drama and personal testimony, woven together to present authentically Catholic content and spirituality. She is engaging, inspiring, and theologically sound. Her presentations are well-balanced, using enough community-building activities and games to connect with the audience without short-changing the emphasis on evangelizing and catechetical messages.

In working with Carrie, I have been extremely pleased with the collaborative relationship we have developed. She partners with us, listens to our needs, shares ideas and makes our ministry her own. If you were to partner with Carrie, I know that she would sincerely focus her work on helping you to achieve your goals, and to give life to the specific theme that you have chosen for your event.

In addition to youth ministry events, I am confident that Carrie would be an excellent presenter for many different gatherings with diverse audiences. In addition to youth and young adult ministry, Carrie is specializing in multigenerational parish events and in building up women of faith (e.g. mother/daughter retreats, women's programs, etc.). Over the course of my years of ministry, I have seen that many of the highly-recommended keynote presenters in ministry are male; it is a particular joy for me to recommend Carrie as a strong, professional, qualified woman of faith who relates well with all ages and genders.

If I can provide any additional information about Carrie Ford or her ministry, please do not hesitate to contact me. However, I encourage you to check out Carrie for yourself! Visit her website at [www.carriefordmusic.com](http://www.carriefordmusic.com) to listen to samples of her music and get a sense for her ministry style, or contact her directly at 716-912-0869. May your ministry be blessed!

Peace and blessings,

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