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To whom it may concern:

I am Reverend Emanuel C. Buttigieg, an active priest in the Diocese of Calgary and a close friend of Margaret Anna's relatives. I have known Margaret for the past 14 years.

I am fully aware of Margaret's academic qualifications and that it is her goal to teach music in Catholic Schools. She is attending the University of Lethbridge and is completing her requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Education. Margaret plays the saxophone, clarinet, flute, piano and has training in voice and, to my knowledge, she will graduate in the summer of 2014.

Margaret is a hard working young person enriched not only with talents but also with her natural disposition and cheerful characteristics. She has a gentle, warm, welcoming disposition. She is helpful and sensitive towards elderly people, and I have seen this in her relation with her grandparents. She is also kind and patient with the young people, she befriends them.

She listens not to reply but to understand. And that is a gift which she knows how to use given the right timing and occasion. I have also noticed in her the ability to analyze a situation, weigh it, and try to reach the best solution. She is analytical in her judgement but then translates to the pragmatic situation and communicates quite well. She is honest, helpful and respectful and I would gladly employ her because she can contribute positively to the education of the youth. She has drive, enthusiasm, attention to detail, and ability to lead the young.

Margaret plays lead tenor at the University of Lethbridge Jazz Ensemble, and is a member of the Education Undergraduate Society. In addition, she teaches saxophone privately, and has taught students aged twelve to adult. Her passion for teaching was inspired by her former band teacher who helped Margaret discover her love of music and through whose tutoring she realized that she wanted to be a leader and role model in the classroom. Margaret believes in life-long learning and wishes to impart that love of learning to her students.

At all times I have found Margaret dependable, reliable, hard-working, conscientious and courteous and, as far as I am concerned, I found her work a bit better than I have anticipated. Because of this I do highly recommend Margaret as a candidate for employment.

Yours sincerely,



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