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To whom it may concern:

It was my pleasure and benefit to meet and hear Mr. Antony Barone Kolenc speak at the Annual Conference of Chancery and Tribunal Officials for the Provinces of New Orleans and Mobile in December 2008. It is my distinct opportunity now to recommend Anthony Kolenc, who is applying to "The Maximus Group" to be one of the representative speakers on issues involving law and politics.

After my experience of learning from his presentations, I am very pleased to recommend that you give serious consideration to his application, and in fact, I would recommend that you accept him as a representative speaker for your Catholic Speaker's Bureau.

It is important that those who have the knowledge, ability and skill to make clear and accurate presentations be given that opportunity to share that gift with others. I highly recommend Mr. Kolenc as a speaker on the issue of Church and state relations here in the United States. When we find educated, committed Catholic lay people who wish to give life to their love of the Church and for truth, it encourages me and prompts me to urge you to give him the opportunity. We are living in a culture and in a world of communication overkill when the gifts of Mr. Kolenc can be put to great use in clarifying truth and justice and good judgment.

If you need further information or any other comments, I will be happy to hear from you. As the retired Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Jackson, it means a lot to me that our mission of living the truth and sharing it with others will be enhanced by committed, educated Catholic laity.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+William R. Houck
Former Bishop of Jackson