

#1. Department goals developed by our faculty, coordinated by me, relying on Church, NCEA, and community expectations.

## Theology Department

*At it's most basic level, theology is the study of the reality that is God. Theology is an academic discipline which relies on the application of several methods in order to assist in the process of making faith more understandable. Theology is the discipline which allows a person to better see the complex relationship between the practice of one's faith and the values and creative expressions of the culture to which one belongs. As an academic discipline, theology relies on higher order thinking skills in order to integrate and view all human knowledge in light of one's faith.*

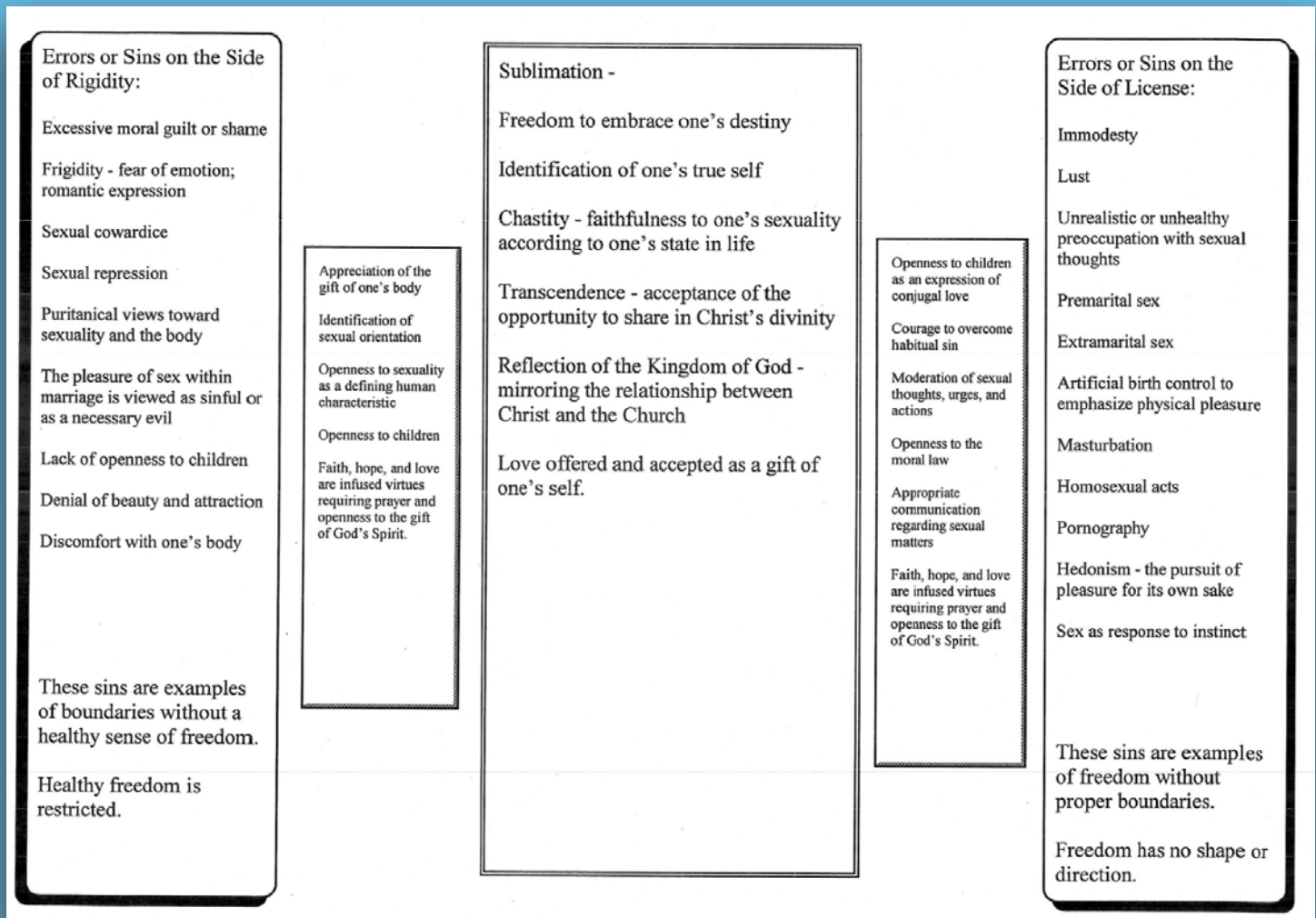
### Theology Department Goals:

1. We seek to instill in the students the sense that they are called to be active participants in a journey to their ultimate destiny in heaven, a process which requires the attendant values of humility, trust, and dependence on God as their origin and goal.
2. Since God is the origin of all truth, students are to see the interrelatedness between theology and all other academic disciplines. Theology is where the integration of human and divine knowledge takes place.
3. Students will be able to identify and understand the many aspects of Divine Revelation, both public and private.
4. The many facets of moral responsibility will be understood and appreciated by the student.
5. An environment will be provided which will encourage and support the Gospel mandate that people be socially conscientious.
6. Students will develop an appreciation of liturgy. This will take place as a result of knowledge of the scriptural foundations of liturgy, the life of prayer, contemporary liturgical expression, and the moral implications of liturgy.
7. Students will have a multifaceted experience and knowledge of what is meant by the concept of Church.
8. Doctrine will be seen as representing conclusions and summaries of what is essential to the practice of the Catholic faith.
9. Students will possess a knowledge and appreciation of the historical development of religion and its effect on the belief and practice of individuals, as well as its impact on the world stage.
10. Students will have a developing sense of the influence of religion and culture on each other.

#2. Senior Theology curriculum I wrote in concert with local stakeholders, in partial fulfillment of Duquesne University course requirements.

Christian Lifestyles	
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#3. Mind map of Love and Responsibility (Karol Wojtyla/ Pope John Paul II) which I developed using a framework of Aristotelian virtue and vice. I did not teach from this document, and I revised it several times. I have since abandoned this as an educational framework for high school students. I view sublimation as a mostly faulty process that emphasizes repression within a Catholic context.



#4. Two student accolades.


Elk County Christian High School  
St. Marys, PA 15857

Special Teacher

Choosing a teacher that has greatly influenced my life was an easy decision. My choice is Reverend James Faluszczyk: better known as Fr. Jim. Fr. Jim has been my high school Theology instructor for two years. Within that time, he has taught me about my faith, my church community and myself. I am very grateful for having had the luxury of learning from such an inspirational man.

Fr. Jim has influenced me in more ways than can be put into words. He has directed me spiritually; by guiding me toward the true goals in life; genuine happiness and satisfaction of who I really am and pointing me toward the path of eternal life in the presence of God in heaven. He has guided me socially by pointing out my important qualities as a teenager; kindness, loyalty and faith in God. He has also made me realize my potential as a student by using the gifts that I have received from God. Some of the gifts that Fr. Jim has developed within me are discipline, hard work and doing whatever it takes to achieve my goals. Lastly, he reinforced that I am a child of God and I have been created in His likeness, yet I still am a unique person. These principles have guided me in every aspect of my life as a teenager, student and a unique individual.

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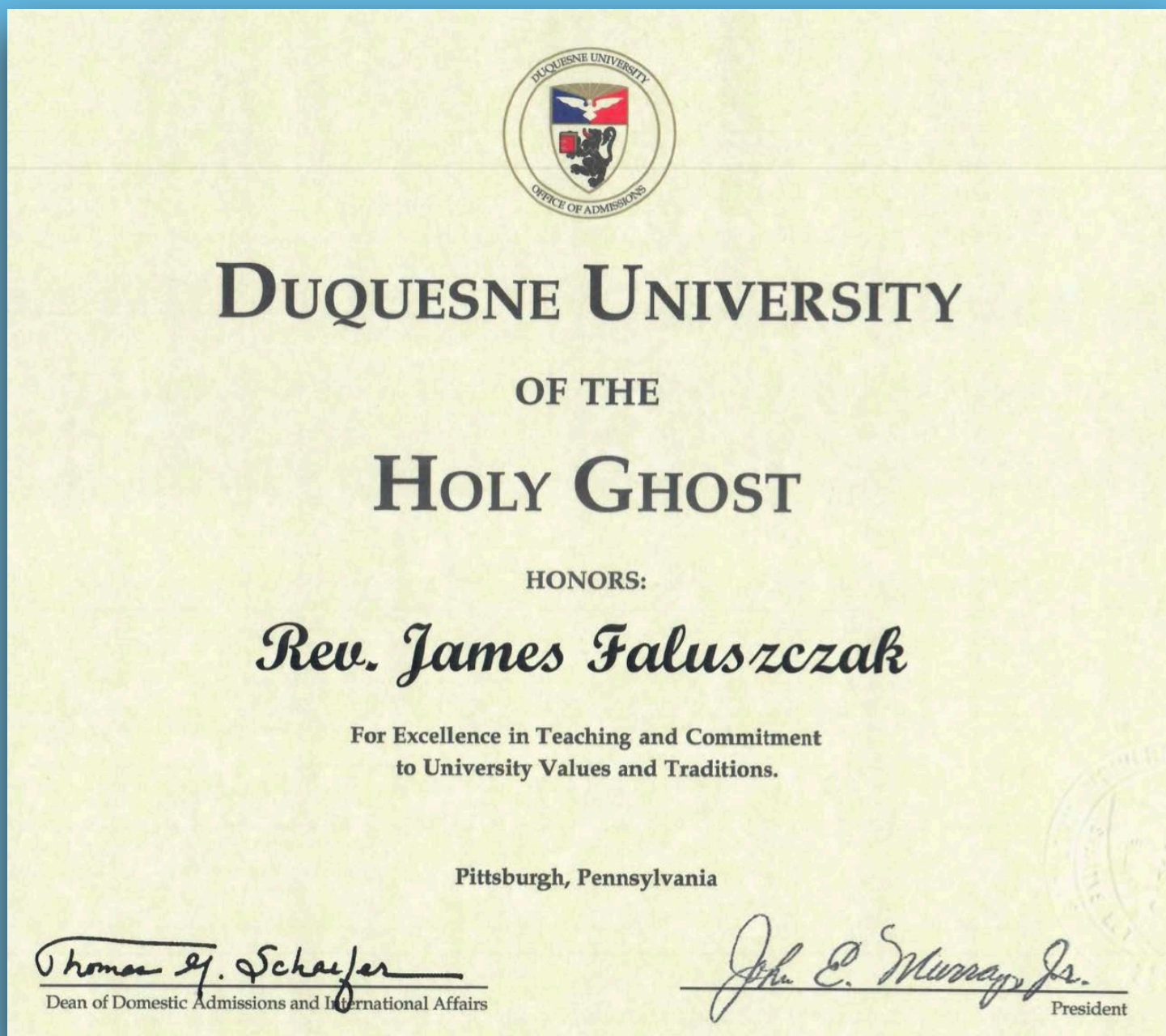
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#5. Duquesne University teaching accolade.



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#6. I completed Pennsylvania add-on training for certification as a member of our school's Student Assistance Program. Among the many issues encountered on an SAP team, this in-service taught mandated reporting requirements in Pennsylvania, which were not observed by some members of our school trained in this program.





#7. Needs Assessment requested yet marginally implemented.

## ***Needs Assessment – Faith Formation Department***

This report represents areas, related to the faith formation of our students, which need either renewed or initial attention. It is not meant to represent every specific activity or focus of faith formation at Elk County Christian.

### **Clear Identification of Five Facets of Faith Formation at ECC:**

Pastoral Care  
Catholic Identity  
Campus Ministry  
Service Program  
Theology Program

### **Pastoral Care – “The ministry unique to the priests assigned to ECC”**

Weekly and special liturgies  
Sacrament of Reconciliation – Penance celebrations and individual opportunities  
Spiritual direction of students, staff, families, and school as a whole

### **Theology Program – “Answering the fundamental questions: ‘Who is God?’ and ‘What does he expect of me?’”**

Continued development and presentation of the curriculum:

Modes of Revelation  
Christian Morality  
Christian Lifestyles  
Electives

Liturgy preparation

Assessment of student knowledge base (on entering an

ACRE (from NCEA)

Development and management of portfolio ass

Student transcripts must recognize theology classes tal

order to accurately reflect the school’s mission

cumulative grade point average.

### **Proposals:**

1. There is a need for explicit administrative com formation. The emphasis has been almost excl curriculum.
2. An additional theology teacher is necessary to the theology program and to allow better than faith formation.
3. Reduce Fr. Jim’s course load to four out of eig year in order to provide leadership for all areas the integrity of the theology program.
4. Respect is needed for the “free” periods allotte ministry. The faith formation efforts of person instructional presence should be viewed as bei efforts.
5. Greater visibility needs to be given to the faith possibly by including it under the responsibilities of the headmaster within the school’s administrative structure.

Identifying significant  
ferral

## **MEMO**

**To:** John Kowach  
**From:** Fr. Jim  
**Date:** July 12, 2000  
**Re:** Needs Assessment

The attached report is my response to your request of June 16, and on prior occasions, that I provide you with an account of various needs within the areas of Campus Ministry and Theology at Elk County Christian. Since the completion of this Needs Assessment was also one of my professional goals for the 1999-2000 school year, it represents ten months of research, discussion, and reflection on my part, with the assistance of various members of the administration, faculty, student body, alumni, and some parents. It is my conviction that these needs will be best met by adopting the proposals I offer at the end of the Needs Assessment.

You will notice that I refer to this as an assessment of need for a “Faith Formation Department”. This name was developed, upon discussion with Sandy Florig and Jim Wortman, to better express the work of the theology, campus ministry, and service programs. I have expanded it’s umbrella to include the unique ministry of priests at ECC, as well as potential opportunities to promote the school’s Catholic identity. It seems important to realize that these various efforts are really just one effort: the development of faith in the lives our students. It is in that spirit that I respectfully offer this report.

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#8. My presentation to architects planning an addition to Elk County Catholic High School. I was asked to generate this presentation, first, for A.J. Palumbo in hopes of his augmented donation to the overall expansion of the High School. I made this presentation to him personally.

Meeting with Architects  
September 27, 2000

Campus ministry department building needs:

## Chapel

- Seating needed for approx. 450 people for weekly all school mass
- Inspiring materials and design vs. utilitarian design
- Exclusive to liturgical use
- Fixed vs. flexible seating
- Kneelers?
- Proximity of altar, ambo, and presider's chair to students; balance of liturgical furniture
- Central aisle
- Brightness. Skylights. Track lighting.
- Artwork: windows, furnishings, reservation of Blessed Sacrament, statue(s)
- Space for choir and instrumentalists
- Flexible sound to accommodate cantor, instrumentalists, announcements
- Carpet

## Sacristy

- Vesting case with drawers and cabinets for sacred vessels.
- Closets for vestments
- Locked storage for supplies
- Sacarium (old one sealed)
- Bathroom/hospitality for meetings and visiting clergy

## Campus Ministry Workroom

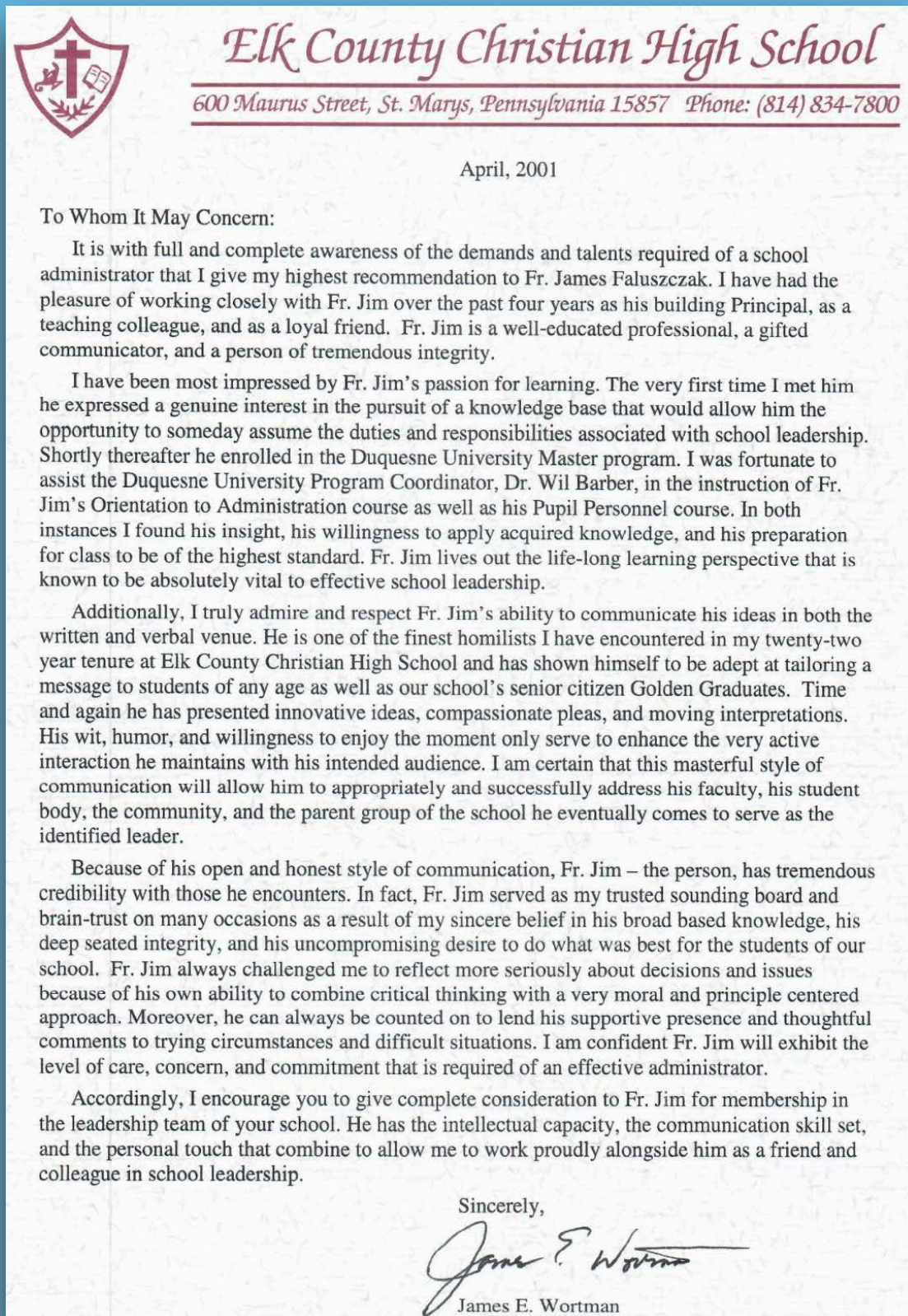
- Work sessions for retreats
- Storage for files
- Storage for supplies
- Bulletin boards
- Work table
- Work area to include computer, TV/VCR, slide projection

## Office/Private meeting room

- Private telephone access
- Counseling/spiritual direction
- Private meeting area



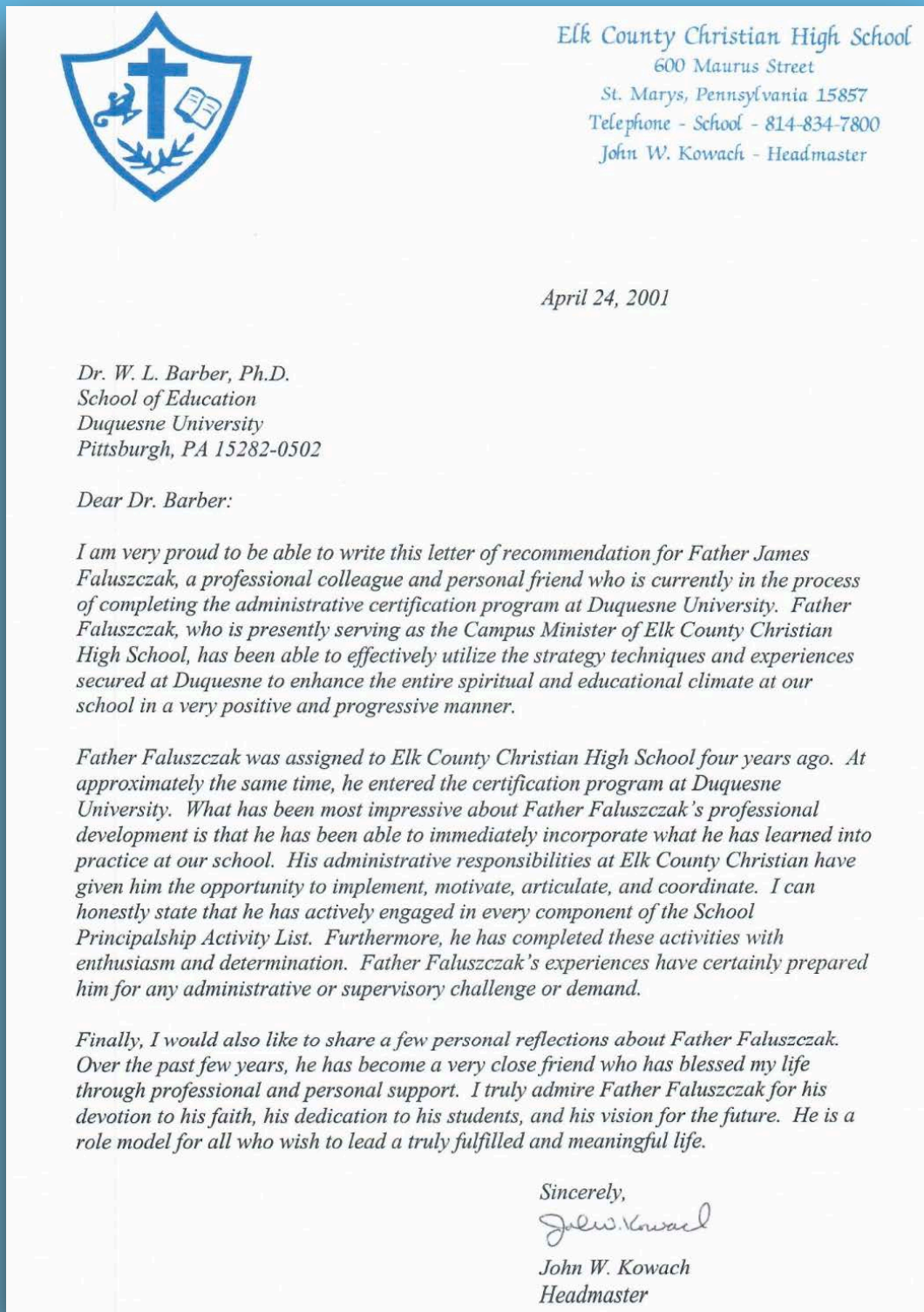
## #9. Principal letter of recommendation.



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## #10. Headmaster letter of recommendation.



NB: I have 400+ supporting documents from my tenure as Theology Teacher and Campus Minister for Elk County Catholic High School.