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Dear _____,

I am writing to you to share with you a very exciting ministry work I will be starting in August. I have been accepted to serve as a missionary with NET Ministries Ireland for a year! NET Ministries is a Catholic organisation that travels around Ireland facilitating retreats in parishes and schools sharing with others about what it means to follow Christ. NET stands for National Evangelisation Teams. Our mission is to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the life of the Church. Challenging them to step-up and be leaders of truth and hope in a world where many people are struggling to find any meaning at all. Young people today are becoming complacent, and many young Catholics are leaving the Catholic Church to go to other churches or they're just leaving the church and religion behind altogether. But now, more than ever, they need to hear the Good News of the Gospels. They need to hear it from their Church and they need to see its reality experienced and lived out in the lives of their peers.

I first started thinking about NET when . . . **(e.g. I had a NET team come to my parish last year. As I was sitting on the retreat listening to them giving their talks and sharing about how Christ had impacted their lives I felt like I wanted to burst. Going back to school the next day I had a joy that just wouldn't leave and looking around at my classmates I could see their lack of joy. I just wished that they could**

have heard what I had. They could have come to the retreat too but because they did not really understand the Catholic Church and think its teachings are out of date, they feel like it does not relate to them. However, I've come to see how much truth there is in these teachings and its power to change lives. After that day I spent some time praying and talked with a lot of people and felt like God calling me to give up a year and go tell others what I had learned that day. So, with that, I've decided to apply to NET and a few weeks later they contacted me telling me I was accepted. I am really looking forward to what God will do in these few months on mission.) - Put your Story Here.

In *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, Pope Paul VI said "Evangelising is in fact the grace and **vocation proper to the Church**, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelise." We are all called to evangelise. I know not everyone can "give by going" but we all can "go by giving." I am asking that you help support me in this call that we've been given. As a part of my time on NET, I am asked to set a goal of €5,250/€7,000. This will cover a portion of the cost of training, accommodations, food and transportation. All donations are appreciated and they can be made in monthly increments for your convenience. I ask you to prayerfully consider helping me joining in this mission. All partners will receive NET Newsletters and update letters from me throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at _____ or by phone at _____. I also will be contacting you to share more about the mission and how you might be able to join through your aid.

Thanks for helping in my ministry, whether it's in your prayers or financially. You can donate online at www.netministries.ie/donate. (*Please make all cheques payable to "NET Ministries Ireland."*)

I hope you have a very blessed day.

In Christ,

Name