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Edward Cardinal Egan
Archdiocese of New York
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Your Eminence:

Dave Sloan has been a passionate and faithful contributor to the Catholic community in Atlanta for many years. I was pleased to present him with the Fides et Ratio award for ten years of service to the Young Adult Ministries of our Archdiocese. Dave founded the "Reason to Believe" apologetics series which has taken place for 9 years now at our cathedral. "Reason to Believe" is a six week summer series which has hosted many top Catholic speakers and is regularly attended by several hundred people. "Reason to Believe" continues to be an outstanding offering for the people of our Archdiocese.

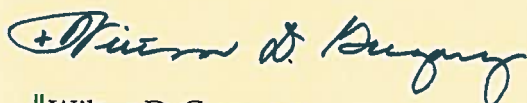
Dave has taught in our diaconate formation program, and given a retreat for the wives of those in formation for the diaconate. He has spoken to scores of groups in Atlanta, from youth to young adult to married couples and men's and women's groups. He speaks with passion and stays faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Dave is committed to serving the poor of our community, and leads an outreach in which coats, blankets, and hundreds of meals are delivered to the homeless right in the streets where they live.

Dave regularly shows up at Mass, adoration, or even RCIA, with those who have not been members of our community, including alcoholics, drug addicts, the mentally ill, fallen away Catholics, and members of other faiths. This has the not infrequent result that they become thriving participants and members of our Archdiocesan Catholic family.

Dave seeks to bring a spirit of harmony and family unity to the Archdiocese of Atlanta, always encouraging and supporting others in their work and in their personal lives, and I am confident that you can count on him to be a reliable witness to the Catholic faith in your community.

Fraternally yours in Christ,



✠ Wilton D. Gregory,
Archbishop of Atlanta