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Dear Friend in Christ,

I am writing in support of Unbound, a sponsorship organization founded in 1981 by five ordinary Catholics who took to heart the call of the Church for the laity to become more engaged in the work of the Gospel.

Unbound serves more than 250,000 children, youth, elderly persons and their families living in poverty in economically developing countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. They do this with the generous support of individual sponsors, most of whom learned about Unbound in Catholic Churches during homilies presented by dedicated priests.

From the beginning, Unbound's sponsorship program has been grounded in principles of Catholic social teaching, in particular the essential dignity of the human person and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. They seek to help individuals and families forge a path out of poverty.

At the same time, Unbound offers Catholics and other people of good will a viable and trustworthy way to put faith into action and enter more deeply into human solidarity. Sponsorship through Unbound is one concrete way for sponsors to live out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

As the Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, where Unbound's worldwide headquarters is located, I am pleased to endorse this ministry and proud to belong to their community of sponsors. I would encourage any pastor to invite a priest from Unbound to his parish, as I would any member of the Catholic faithful to become a sponsor. I am

Thank you for your consideration of Unbound.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Shawn McKnight, S.Th.D.
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas