

APPENDIX F

SAMPLE LETTER TO REQUEST PERSONAL AGAPE

(Date)

Dear _____ (name of person from whom sponsor is requesting agape),

_____ (name of pilgrim) plans to attend a Walk to Emmaus on _____ (dates of weekend). The Walk to Emmaus is a weekend of spiritual renewal that offers many beautiful gifts and surprises to participants. One surprise is the mail that persons attending receive from their loved ones.

As _____'s (pilgrim's name) sponsor, I am contacting family members and close friends and asking each to write a note or letter to _____ (pilgrim's name) that will be given to him/her during this special weekend.

This letter gives you an opportunity to express your appreciation for _____ (pilgrim's name) and to say something about the meaning of your relationship with him/her. You might want to recall some humorous event or some experience the two of you have shared. This is a letter of love and **will be read only by** _____ (pilgrim's name).

Please help make _____'s (pilgrim's name) Walk to Emmaus special by doing the following:

1. Write a letter to _____ (pilgrim's name) and sign it.
2. Put it into an envelope and seal it.
3. PRINT _____ (pilgrim's name)'s full name (but not yours) on the envelope.
4. Put the envelope in a larger envelope and mail it to me by _____ (one week before weekend) so I can get it to the proper place on time.

This letter should be a complete surprise to _____ (pilgrim's name), so please do not mention it until the Emmaus weekend has ended.

Occasionally sponsors have to do a little detective work to get names and addresses of persons from whom we need help. Please let me know the name and address of anyone you know that _____ (pilgrim's name) would like to hear from.

I hope you'll help by providing a letter. It will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me. Thank you.

(Sponsor's signature)

(Address, phone number, and e-mail address)

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