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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our high schools and parishes prepare to send seniors into the next chapter of their lives, we face a critical moment for their faith. Nearly **80% of young Catholics** disengage after high school, often because they lack connection to a faith community during this transition.

The **first 90 days after high school** are especially formative—shaping habits, identity, and relationships. Without an intentional invitation into a new Catholic community, many young people drift away from their faith.

For many graduates, **their next spiritual home will be a Catholic Campus Ministry, a Newman Center, or a Catholic young adult community in a parish.** These communities offer more than worship—they provide belonging, accompaniment, and friendships rooted in faith during a season of great change.

This is why our Diocese is participating in the **Faith Forward Movement** in partnership with [Newman Connection](#).

Faith Forward is a national, collaborative movement that brings together parishes, high schools, and campus ministries to ensure every graduating senior is personally invited into their next Catholic faith community. It's a **simple**, crucial step that helps prevent faith disconnection during the transition out of high school.

Here's how you can help:

Each high school and parish is invited to identify **1–2 Faith Forward Ambassadors** who will receive training and resources to help students take this next step before graduation. You will be contacted by Newman Connection for your nominations this next month.

As a leader within your parish or high school, you may have already been nominated to participate as a Faith Forward Ambassador this year. Look for an email from the Newman Connection team for your next steps.

Thank you for helping make this moment matter.

In Christ,