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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing to you to give my personal recommendation for *Creatio*, a Catholic organization that promotes activities in nature with young people as a way to help them encounter Jesus, who so often “withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed” (Luke 5: 16).

Creatio was first founded in Lima, Peru as an association of the Christian Life Movement and in 2007 was established as a non-profit in Colorado. Amidst the wonderful natural beauty of the Rocky Mountains, *Creatio* has offered college students the opportunity to discover themselves, encounter God and build community and friendship through countless activities such as hiking, camping and rock climbing.

Creatio has also served hundreds of the poorest of the poor by leading students from across the U.S. on mission trips to Latin America, where they join villagers in infrastructure and environmental projects, as well as serve as catechists.

Creatio's vision is firmly founded on Catholic doctrine and is dedicated to following all the teachings of the Church. At the same time, it also works to connect with people of all faiths through outdoor adventures, projects that care for creation and through service activities. In this way, *Creatio* aims to reach out to those living at the “existential peripheries” so dear to Pope Francis.

Please know of my appreciation for *Creatio* and gratitude for their service in the Archdiocese of Denver and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver