



## HOLY INFANT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### CMG Booking

#### To Whom It May Concern:

This is to affirm that Cathy Gilmore is a Catholic in good standing and very active at our parish, Holy Infant. Cathy is a devoted Catholic who generously shares her talents both with our parish and the community beyond. She has a unique manner in bringing the Catholic faith alive in concrete ways for children, teens, and adults through her presentations, writings and virtue-based media programs.

Cathy is an engaging and warm speaker who has made several presentations to various groups within our parish. She was the featured presenter at our women's Advent Tea and those in attendance truly enjoyed her "Find Peace at the Manger" talk. As one of our speakers at our First Communion preparation night for parents, Cathy offered insights on preparing children for this sacrament with humor and candor. She is also a dynamic catechist in our Parish School of Religion Program who brings innovative ideas for teaching the faith to her students.

Cathy is a published author of two children's books that inspire children to find deeper meanings in Christmas and Easter through her lovable characters and her beautiful storytelling. Our younger students look forward to her lively and fun story-time visits. She also creates and writes the scripts for the living saint portion of our Vacation Bible School and recruits and trains volunteers to play these parts so realistically.

As founder of Virtue Works Media, a non-profit ministry designed to help families choose reading entertainment that is full of faith and virtue, Cathy readily shares this ministry with our parish. She created a virtue-based Summer Book Club in which she recommended and helped provide book selections by Catholic authors for children through young adults. She teamed up with another parishioner and offered a "Virtue Bookmobile" family lending library. She also created a "Jewels of Virtue" Mother- Daughter Tea event for our American Heritage Girls Club to teach the girls about the spiritual beauty of virtue.

Cathy is extremely devoted to her Catholic faith and her desire to create a more virtue-based world. Her passion, humor and practical ways to incorporate virtue into the center of everyday life are contagious and will be appreciated by all who hear her.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Edward J. Stanger

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