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Dear Father,

The Archdiocese of Omaha encourages parishes to support faith-based organizations for our youth. I am pleased to offer support for American Heritage Girls (AHG) as a Christian organization serving young women in a manner that encourages them to follow Jesus Christ.

Locally, the first AHG troop in the Archdiocese of Omaha is now established at St. Columbkille Parish in Papillion. Our Center for Family Life Formation is the liaison for local AHG troops in the Archdiocese. Valerie Conzett, 402.551.9003 X1301, will be happy to answer any questions you may have or you may contact Andrea Powers, our local AHG troop liaison, at 402.597.1049 or ahgomaha@gmail.com.

American Heritage Girls (AHG) was founded in 1995 by a group of parents in Cincinnati, Ohio, who were seeking a faith based character development program for their daughters. AHG serves families of girls ages 5-18 through its mission of "building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country." Nationally, the American Heritage Girls ministry has nearly 1000 troops. The Catholic Church is the fastest-growing denomination in AHG with nearly 25% of AHG troops chartered by Catholic parishes.

In 2012, the American Heritage Girls formed a National Catholic Committee (NCC) to support American Heritage Girls in "promoting and providing for the growth and spiritual development of its Catholic members, in fidelity to the magisterium of the Catholic Church, and to act as the liaison between AHG, Inc. and the Catholic Church." Bishop James Conley of the Diocese of Lincoln serves as the National Episcopal Moderator for the NCC.

You may directly access additional information about AHG at the following:

- American Heritage Girls www.americanheritagegirls.org.
From this website you may go to the About tab, then Alliances, then National Catholic Committee to learn about the work of AHG in the Catholic Church.
- This link offers information about the mission of the National Catholic Committee and Bishop Conley as the moderator. http://www.americanheritagegirls.org/media/filer_public/9d/b1/9db15b88-d107-445b-bc4a-819eba9893a5/episcopal-moderator_pr.pdf
- This link provides a flier on AHG in the Catholic Church. http://www.americanheritagegirls.org/media/filer_public/9b/2f/9b2fbbe4-9dd6-4140-be7e-a972d099ac77/catholicchurchinsert.pdf

I encourage you to learn more about American Heritage Girls and to consider establishing a troop in your parish. With the help of resources such as AHG, we can help form our young girls into faithful women of God, committed to a life of faith, service and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George J. Lucas
Archbishop of Omaha