

Dear Pastor/Leader,

I am writing this letter to give my strongest possible recommendation to Mark Canfora and his God-given ministry. Mark was always a man who loves God, but following the tragic, sudden loss of his 18 year old son, Mark Jr a few years ago, he became a man on fire. Rather than *running from God* after losing his son, Mark *ran deeper into God's heart*- as deeply as anyone I have known.

At Mark Jr's funeral services, Mark and I actually preached together. Incredibly, *over 300 young people* came to the altar to receive Christ, many of them weeping. In 30 years of ministry, it was the most powerful funeral I have ever been a part of.

Mark's heart beats to lead people to Christ, especially teens and young adults. He has an anointing that immediately captivates young hearts, and he holds their complete attention as he speaks to them. He is very creative and playful, and his passion and dynamism draws young hearts to Christ as flies to a fire.

I first met Mark in 1997. Our church was feeding the poor and preaching the gospel in the local projects. Mark was there doing the same thing, not as a Christian but simply out of kindness and as a concerned citizen. I struck up a relationship with him, and he began visiting our church. Within a few weeks, he and his wife and their 4 children all came to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The oldest of the four is Mark Jr, who is now awaiting his family in Heaven. They have since added a fifth child, Dominic, who is a shining light for God. All Mark and Dena's children love God and adore going to church.

After submitting to Bible training and discipleship, Mark felt a call to start a mission. Thus began Jesus Lives Ministries & Brighter Days Children's Mission street ministry. Mark served as founder and director of these ministries from 1997 to 2003. In 2003, he turned the ministry over to a new director, and it continues to serve the community to this day.

He sponsors an annual community festival, called "Celebration of Life!" He provides food, sports, games, drama skits, and live Christian music, *all for free*, to adults, teens, and children in our community. Thousands come to the festival, and it is becoming an annual staple in our city. Not coincidentally, he holds this festival in *the very park where Mark Jr. lost his life*. He does this to honor God, dishonor the enemy, and in memory of his beloved son and to give hope to those who also have lost loved ones.

In conclusion, I believe Mark is a man of God, worthy of prayer, support, and ministry opportunities. I believe God will open many doors for him, and he will be a blessing to any church or ministry that receives him.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me. My phone number is 330-608-7117. My Email address is [pastormiketfh@yahoo.com](mailto:pastormiketfh@yahoo.com). My website is [www.mikeonfire.com](http://www.mikeonfire.com). and our church website is [www.fathershouseohio.com](http://www.fathershouseohio.com).

Sincerely,

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