## Letter of recommendation for Vincent Church

It is a pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation for Vincent Church, as he is an outstanding individual entering the teaching profession. Mr. Church's student teaching experience allowed him to finish six Lifetime Fitness and Sport classes for the first semester. Additionally he took the lead in the next semester with 3 sections of Lifetime Fitness and Sport, 1 section of Advance P.E and assisted with two Aquatic classes. Mr. Church responded to the challenge of making a contribution to our program primarily in two areas. The first was assisting in moving us from a written final exam to a performance exam. His secondary contribution was leading his students daily from dynamic stretching to closure by arriving thoroughly prepared with a well planned series of lessons delivered with outstanding classroom control. Units presented in physical education were jump ropes, cardio-circuits with exercise stability balls and stretch resistance chords, basketball, and a creative Olympics unit that motivated the students to a higher level of participation. In utilizing the Polar Heart Rate Monitors for student accountability, activity time was easily monitored and graded based on heart rate in the target heart rate zone. Class sizes were averaging 31 in physical education.

Mr. Church created an exciting atmosphere in the gym. Students were proud to express their enjoyment with working out in his classes to their peers. It was pleasurable to observe Mr. Church interact with his students as at all time he exhibited a personable approach in keeping students focused and on task with his engaging personality. He did an outstanding job of alternating the activity levels of students to teach them to pace themselves in beneficial workouts. He commanded the attention and respect of students by communicating clearly and competently at all times. With a firm, fair and friendly attitude he always approached disciplinary situations seeking a win-win solution that never compromised student management without bringing an incident to closure. His work ethics were admirable as he was always prompt, professionally attired, and enthusiastically diligent to his duties.

From the onset Mr. Church quickly captured the hearts of his students with leadership as a positive role model. Most impressive was his ability on circuit training days to get so much going on so many levels with great variety. Mr. Church will turn a classroom or athletic program around as a teacher/coach. The students know that he is genuinely interested in their well being and complimented his hard work for them with their own. Professional peers, students, parents and administrators would benefit from his professional contributions. Were a position available with our school I would make every recommendation for him. It has been a pleasure to work with him, as you will find when you give yourself the same opportunity as his employer.

Sincerely,

Rico R. Zenti

Marquette Senior High School - Physical Education Department

rzenti@mapsnet.org

cell 906-361-0812