

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH  
*growing together in faith*

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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in regard to one of our parishioners and my dear friend, Jack Maglio. I have known Jack for almost 13 years, working with him in our RCIA process (for people who are becoming Catholic), and I have seen and heard his music develop and grow. Jack has often shared his musical talent in his presentation on prayer, enlarging participants' experience of prayer by including the audio dimension.

I am a Director of Adult & Family Ministry and of Human Concerns at a large Catholic parish, and in my ministry I have been witnessing a growing hunger for what I call depth spirituality. I believe it is growing out of the increasingly isolated (except in electronics) and frazzled and fragmented nature of our current culture. People are searching to find peace, wholeness, meaning, and connectedness. Jack's music fits right into this pattern, though it does not require any explicitness to do that.

Jack is a person of great depth who cares deeply about God, people, music and self-expression, all of which fit so well into this new and growing awareness of those often lost elements. I believe the time is ripe for his music to bless others as it has so often blessed us at St. John Vianney Parish.

Last spring Jack presented a wonderful concert of his contemplative piano music for our congregation. He performed music that he has composed and recorded, and which he wishes to share more broadly. He brought in his own marvelous piano to enhance the music, and distributed a program with not only the names of the pieces, but also the theme that inspired each piece. In the process, Jack shared some of his own vibrant faith life, as well as his original music, presented with all the passion with which he composed it. The audience (of about 120 people) was very enthusiastic in their reception of the music, which many demonstrated by purchasing his CD, which his friends sold in the narthex at intermission time.

Jack has done a very professional job of putting together his current CD, and this professionalism is evidenced by the CD cover and the website, as well ([www.JACKMAGLIO.com](http://www.JACKMAGLIO.com)).

Whether people wish to hear the explicit witness of Jack's faith or just experience it in the music itself, I believe you will not be disappointed in their reception of Jack and his music. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Janowak

