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To Whom It May Concern:

In the construction of our new 14,000 square-foot neoclassical basilica-style church, we contracted with RTF Construction after high recommendations from others inside the building industry. It has been a positive experience to work with Mark Marietta and Buddy Marietta and their team from the beginning of the process to the execution of the plan.

Mark was very helpful in helping us take the first steps in the process of planning and launching a large building project. His experience in managing projects was definitely an asset for us. He worked incredibly hard to keep the project on budget, which was extremely important to us and our parishioners. This involved putting his knowledge to use in selection of materials, giving us various options, and careful selection of subcontractors. We are aware that behind the scenes he and Buddy Marietta were making multiple daily calls to vendors, reps, suppliers, etc., to get the best materials selected on budget. I was there during a few of those. The result of this value engineering is producing for us a beautiful church in the present with plenty of options to further enhance it in the future.

During the project, an RTF company owner was active in the process everyday and frequently on site, alongside the full-time presence of their highly capable and experienced superintendents managing every step of the supply chain logistics and subcontractors' work.

Our project entailed an unusually high level of interface with the civil authorities, at county and city levels, and this process of navigating the civil side was one area where RTF really delivered, with Buddy especially being in constant contact with Fulton County and the City of Roswell to make things happen and overcome government red tape.

We especially valued the close and friendly working relationship Mark and Buddy Marietta had with the civil engineers and especially the architects, who all formed a seamless team and have been a pleasure to work with. Decisions were routinely discussed and made in a collaborative way. Whenever we had any questions or input from the church's side, Mark and Buddy were always immediately responsive and ready to assist.

From working closely with Mark and Buddy and the rest of the staff of RTF, I get a sense of the company's core values not just in word but lived out day-to-day. They really care about the quality of this project and their work ethic is exceptional. I am aware they have experience in multiple types of projects, from retail onward, but I can tell that a *church* project entails a special call for them and they work on this project in accord with their noble purposes, their ideals in life, and their faith.

This church will be a house of prayer, a sanctuary of the living God, and will also now stand as part of the legacy of the Marietta Family and RTF. May God reward them.

Fr. C. Daniel

Fr. Christopher Danel
Pastor