

January 7, 2015

"Forty Under 40" Selection Committee
c/o Business Record
100 Fourth St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Re: Nomination of **Brian Johnson**, age 39, Vice President of Finance & Corporate Secretary of Casey's General Stores, Inc., Ankeny, Iowa, for the 16th Annual "Forty under 40" Awards

To Selection Committee Members:

I support the nomination of **Brian Johnson** for consideration in the selection of this year's "Forty under 40" awards.

Brian was highly recommended to Bishop Richard Pates as a member of the Diocesan Finance Council and has been serving in that role since July 2010. In relationship to his membership on the Finance Council, he has also shared his expertise and experience in several related areas. He agreed to assist in the creation of a new Risk Management Committee and remains a vital member of that group which provides direction to parishes throughout the Diocese of Des Moines. In addition, Brian currently serves as chair of our Audit Committee.

Brian provides tremendous advice and is highly respected by all members of the Diocesan Finance Council and the other committees on which he serves. We are the beneficiaries of his significant experience and expertise and his willingness to serve in leadership capacities.

Sincerely,



Paul Carlson
Director of Finance
Diocese of Des Moines