

# MARANATHA!

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Rev. Darren Ojeda. For the past 6 years I've been the Youth Pastor at Maranatha Church of the Nazarene in Paramus, New Jersey. For the last 2 years I've also been the Nazarene Youth International (NYI) President for the Church of the Nazarene's Metro New York District. This position requires that I oversee about 130 church youth groups as well as help plan activities for our district as a whole.

The Hip Hop group "Carriers of the Cross" is a Paterson New Jersey based rap team. On a number of occasions I've had the pleasure of working with them and this is the reason why I am writing this letter.

I am writing this letter as reference to, and without any question of doubt, as to the integrity and spiritual maturity of the members of "Carriers of the Cross." Over the last four years I have not only had the privilege of working with them on a number of outreach projects but also lending spiritual guidance. The only thing that far exceeds their musical talent is their commitment to Jesus Christ. I am sure you'll find not only their musical style appealing but the manner and professionalism in which they approach ministry as well. I believe the positive message of their music and their fearless proclamation of the Gospel make them perfect for any venue interested in reaching out to today's generation.

I totally support their ministry and encourage you to do the same!

Thank you for your time and patience, should you have any questions please feel free to contact or email me at the address below.

In Christ,

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