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Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2014 11:04 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Jesuit Community Request

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

It has come to my attention that the Saint Mary's Student Parish Jesuit Community has submitted and been denied their request for a "special exception" arrangement which would enable more than four members of the community to reside in the same dwelling.

It is my hope that you would reconsider this request and permit the "special exemption" arrangement. The Jesuit priests that I have known, and there have been many, have been a great asset to every community where they have lived. Not only do they maintain their property well, but the example of their dedicated lives and their kindness, concern and outreach to all who cross their path is exemplary. It's especially appropriate that they have a presence in the University community because of the richness of the intellectual life that they pursue.

I am a Dominican Sister of Adrian, have lived in Ann Arbor for the past twenty years, and have been fortunate enough to receive my graduate education from the Jesuits. Thus I feel I know them well and have personal experience of the richness of their ministry. I really believe that refusing to allow the Jesuits to make their home in our midst would deny our community a genuine gift.

Sincerely,

Carol Johannes, O.P.