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To: Planning
Subject: Ann Arbor Jesuit request for special exception use

Dear members of the Planning Commission, Peace.

Thank you very much for the dedication and professionalism you showed in addressing our request for a special exception use in regards to the property at 1919 Wayne Street.

I was greatly impressed, and appreciative, of the amount of time and attention you each gave to the details of our petition. I agreed with your concern for how your decision will be understood by others in the future. I believe your clarifying our petition will in fact make it easier for those in your positions the next time such a petition is presented.

With a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, I appreciated the argumentation over words and concepts: what is a: "functional family," "society," "permanence and precedence." Since this was the first case of this kind, you had only yourselves to determine the answers to these important questions.

I also deeply respected your concern for addressing, if not satisfying, all parties concerns. I hope that we Jesuits might be able to bring some healing and reconciliation to the neighborhood.

I have not had much experience with local government and politics. This experience, though, has given me a deeper appreciation for our system of government and the people, such as yourselves, who make it work.

Again, thank you very much.

Dan Reim, S.J.
"God bless you!"