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Sent: Sunday, June 15, 2014 4:00 PM

To: Planning

Subject: Support for the Jesuit Community

Members of the Ann Arbor Planning Commission,

I'm writing this to express my support of the Jesuits and their desire to purchase a new home. While I don't reside in Ann Arbor, I worship at St. Mary Student Parish because it is where I feel most welcome. I make the twenty to thirty minute drive from Belleville because the Jesuits are at St. Mary. The Jesuits have taken great strides to welcome anyone regardless of whatever situation people may be in currently. The Jesuits also provide an atmosphere appealing to the college age population, which is very important at a university parish. A simple request to purchase a home where they can reside and enable them to continue their ministry is one I hope will be granted. As outlined by an attorney friend of mine via The Ann Arbor Chronicle, they qualify as a functional family, so it is my hope they will be granted their request to purchase the home they have selected. I see no reason why the Jesuits would be anything but quiet and good neighbors. It is also my hope that the meeting to make the final decision will be postponed to a date where all the members of your committee will be present to ensure a decision that is fair not only to the Jesuits, but to the members of the community where they are looking to move.

Sincerely,

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