To: Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia

Date: March 1, 2000

Re: Application Number 16561

CONSIDERING that the Archdiocese of Washington/The Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament has applied for a special exception under Section 206 for the approval of an addition to an existing private school for 600 students in the R-1 B District at premises 5831 Chevy Chase Parkway, N.W. (Square 1863, Lots 821 and 822);

CONSIDERING that activities at Blessed Sacrament School interfere with the peaceful night time use of nearby residences because of intense night time noise that is caused by electric horns, police whistles, electronically amplified live music, electronically amplified recorded music, electronically amplified voices of announcers at large gatherings, shouting, and cheering.

CONSIDERING that the windows of the multipurpose room in which these noisy nighttime activities take place are often left open so that the disturbance to neighbors in maximized;

CONSIDERING that the design of the windows–even when they are kept closed–~~are~~ is inadequate to contain the intense noise of many regular and special nighttime events at the school; and

We ask that the Board of Zoning Adjustment deny the special exception unless the Archdiocese of Washington/Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament take effective steps, as part of their construction project, to soundproof the building that now houses intensely noisy activities so as to eliminate a negative impact on the nearby neighbors.

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