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D.C. Zoning Commission
Suite 210
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 04-25; Application of The Catholic University of America

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, I am writing this letter to express my unqualified support for the above-referenced application. The National Shrine is located at 400 Michigan Avenue, NE, adjacent to the main campus of The Catholic University of America and across Harewood Road from the newly acquired West Campus.

We were quite pleased when the University acquired the 49-acre Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, as the University has been a good neighbor for many years and I have no doubt, will make good use of the newly acquired parcel. I believe that the rezoning of the Property for use by the University is consistent with sound planning principles, and will enhance and strengthen not only the University but the surrounding neighborhood as well. In my experience, I have found that The Catholic University of America has a positive impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

I urge you to support The Catholic University of America's application to the Zoning Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector

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