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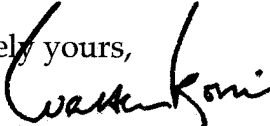
RE: The Catholic University of America Solar Facility ZC Application No 12-01E

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception which owns a large tract of land immediately adjacent to the West Campus of The Catholic University of America. The Basilica also owns the prominent and architecturally significant National Shrine across Harewood Road from the West Campus of Catholic University. Thankfully, we enjoy an excellent and collaborative relationship with the University.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception strongly supports the proposed use of the property by Catholic University for a solar facility. The plans are thoughtfully designed, and the solar panels will be well-screened. By producing green energy, the University will promote numerous environmental goals. Further, the facility will be highly consistent with Pope Francis' vision, as well as his encyclical on ecology and his recognition of the need to address climate change.

We commend the University for devoting this underdeveloped tract of land to such an important and beneficial use.

Sincerely yours,


Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector