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Dear Members of the University Community,

Over the last few weeks, the Faculty, Staff and Student senates and Alumni Advisory Council identified representatives for the Presidential Search Committee. I want to thank all of these groups for their respective great work in responding so quickly to this important request.

Additionally, the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Kathleen Cummings, and representatives of WittKieffer, the search firm assisting our process, have conducted more than 20 listening sessions over the past several weeks to gather wide perspectives. The feedback has been instrumental in developing the Presidential Search Profile and will inform the work of the Search Committee.

Having the privilege of participating in a number of the listening sessions, I was struck by two themes that emerged. One was a commitment to our mission as a Catholic and Jesuit university. Another was the importance of diversity and inclusion for the future of the University.

The Board's commitment to our mission is deep and unwavering. Likewise, my fellow trustees and I strongly support the efforts of Father Pilarz, the President's Cabinet and many other areas of the University related to diversity. For our part, we look forward to taking action on the University's new Strategic Plan, which includes a bold goal related to diversity and inclusion.

Reflecting on the feedback from our listening sessions, the strategic plan and the current membership of

Diversity.

The full and final composition of the Presidential Search Committee is as follows:

!!!!!Seven members of the Board of Trustees six appointed by the Chair of the Board in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Board Chair as an member.

-!!!!!!Kathleen Sprows Cummings, Ph.D. '93, G'93 (Chair)

-!!!!!!Mary R. Haveron, CPA '85

-!!!!!!William J. Kelley, S.J. '73

-!!!!!!John R. Mariotti, D.M.D. '75

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