



January 13, 2026

His Eminence Cardinal Kevin Joseph Farrell
Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life
Vatican City 00120

Your Eminence:

I send greetings from Washington, D.C., and The Catholic University of America, and I thank the Lord for the grace granted us through you and your critical ministry on behalf of the people of God.

I am writing to express my support for the Public Association of the Faithful "Missionaries of Mary" as they seek Pontifical recognition. Their international evangelization initiative, the Academy of the Americas, operated by their Non-Profit ESPIRITU Community Development Corporation, has made significant strides in reaching young people throughout the Americas. Over the past five years, this program has provided international formation to selected young leaders, with more than fifty participants attending seminars led by Catholic leaders from throughout the Americas in business, politics, religion, and education.

The structure of the program is comprehensive: participants spend one week at the Catholic University of America, followed by a second week in a selected Latin American country, and a third week at the Marytown headquarters of Missionaries of Mary in Phoenix, Arizona. This multifaceted approach ensures that young Catholic leaders receive valuable formation and exposure to diverse perspectives within the Church.

We believe that the formation of young Catholic leaders is vital to the future of the Church and to the future of the countries throughout the Americas. Our collaboration with Missionaries of Mary, their partners, associates, and fellow Catholic universities—such as Catholic University of Trujillo, Peru, Finnis Terrae in Santiago, Chile have strengthened this apostolate. Just recently we agreed to a long-term relationship (see enclosure) with Missionaries of Mary's non-profit

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group ESPIRITU Community Development Corporation, to continue expanding the evangelization of the Americas.

We remain committed to praying for the continued success of this important mission.

I offer my prayers for your ministry and work.

In Christ,

Aaron Dominguez

Executive Vice President and Provost