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To: Interested Catholics in Frederick County

From: The Board of Directors of St. Thomas More Academy

Ref: - Recognition of St. Thomas More Academy as a Catholic school by the Archdiocese of Baltimore

We have compiled the enclosed package to allow the members of the Catholic community in Frederick to be fully informed and aware of the relationship and interaction between St. Thomas More Academy and the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

St. Thomas More Academy is committed to provide quality education in the Catholic tradition to the community of Frederick. On a high level; We take an Oath to the Magisterium to adhere to Catholic Doctrine, Teach a Catholic Curriculum, Provide access and exposure to vocations and transport our Children to mass regularly.

We are not attempting to put ourselves at odds with the Archdiocese and have worked these past years to bring ourselves closer not move further. Our guiding desire is to have the sacraments and our priests available to the students in the school on a regular basis.

We hope you will read this package and form your own opinions of St. Thomas More Academy and the work we are doing. We will continue to solicit the Archbishop seeking dialog, recognition and permission for the local clergy to be present to our students.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,

St. Thomas More Board of Directors

Dr. James Merkel

Ms. Nancy Floria

Mr. Alex Grabenstein

Mr. Bill Nicklas

Mr. Chris Cosentino

Mr. Joe Slattery

Mr. Greg Light

Enclosed:

Recognition letter from the Archdiocese

Report on our school from the Archdiocese

Survey of our parents on our school contrasted wit the Archdiocesan averages

Our response and request for continued dialog and clarification

The letter from the Archdiocese rescinding our recognition

Our statement of our position relative to Archdiocesan requirements