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Dear Mr. Dempsey,

Your March 21, 2016 letter was received and shared with Cardinal Wuerl. Know that he appreciates your taking the time to convey your thoughts.

It is important to note that Cardinal Wuerl will not be present at the Notre Dame University Commencement this year. Some time ago, he was invited to celebrate the Baccalaureate Mass and in the context of that occasion to receive an honorary degree, which takes place the day before Commencement. In fact, he will be leaving the campus that evening for a longstanding prior commitment.

Catholic universities do present a particular challenge in this day and age, and Cardinal Wuerl and the Archdiocese of Washington have sought to engage directly on Catholic identity issues. Attached, please find several of the Cardinal's writings on the subject, and editorials from our archdiocesan newspaper. I also include the Cardinal's homily from a Mass for Life he celebrated for Georgetown University students and others at Epiphany Parish after the University hosted the President of Planned Parenthood.

Faithfully in Christ,

Ed McFadden
Secretary of Communications
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