## To our students who are feeling especially vulnerable following the election

We know that you, like many of us, are reeling over the result of the presidential election. You may be fearful of the very real dangers that may be ahead, not only for you but for your family members. Some of you might feel even more silenced than you have already felt, perhaps wondering if the classmate sitting next to you, your professor, or people in your residence hall actually support the views of the president- elect, who, in the course of the campaign, unapologetically made comments that were racist, sexist, elitist, islamophobic, xenophobic, misogynistic, antisemitic, and homophobic. You may encounter overt signs of these views on campus and in the local community despite our hope to the contrary. Please know you are not alone. We the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross College faculty and staff embrace you and stand in solidarity with you against hate. We offer our support and love. As a start, and at the very least, we will listen to your voices. We will listen to your anger, fear, and disappointment in a country that may fail to live up to its promise of justice and the blessings of liberty for you. Do not lose heart. We are not powerless. We remain committed to act, to help you find tangible resources you may need to be safe and to thrive. We will use the power and privileges we have to advocate on behalf of all students, and to continue building a more inclusive and welcoming community. Reach out to any one of us. We are here for you.

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