



April 23, 2024

Dear Trustees of Mount Mercy University and Saint Ambrose University,

We want to commend Presidents Todd Olson and Amy Novak as well as the members of each University's Board of Trustees and senior leadership for their vision, forward thinking and commitment to Catholic higher education in Eastern Iowa.

We have met with both presidents and have heard their plans for the future relationships between both institutions and the proposed next steps. We affirm and support the courageous efforts to collaboratively strengthen Catholic higher education in the region.

We recognize the authentic commitment to our Mercy charism and encourage you to continue to preserve the nearly 100-year-old legacy of the Sisters of Mercy in Cedar Rapids and we look forward to the ways in which you will evolve and animate Mercy into the future.

In Mercy,

Sisters Susan Sanders, Patricia Flynn, Teresa Bednarz, Judith Frikker and Maureen King

The Institute Leadership Team of the Sisters of Mercy

Jane Gerety, RSM, Ph.D., Chair of the Board

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