



OFFICIAL STATEMENT

To: The Madonna University Community

Statement on the Acceptance of Diversity:

Madonna University prides itself on being representative of the Franciscan Values that it was founded on. Among these values, two in particular stand out in light of the recent executive order on immigration; these being, the values of Respect for the Dignity of Each Person and Peace & Justice. While we, the student governing body of the institution, recognize the necessity of the federal government in ensuring the safety of the nation's citizens, our obligation is to ensure that our University's students and students nationwide remain safe and feel welcomed.

As the voice of students at Madonna University, we are committed to assisting all in the Madonna community who are burdened by this policy. Diversity is an important part of the institution's mission and we intend to continue promoting the inclusive environment embodied in our values.

In accordance with this mission of the institution we serve, we stand in solidarity with all Crusaders, regardless of their ethnicity, country of origin, religion, or political beliefs. We in Student Senate – in combination with university student governments nationwide - will continue to advocate for policy that provides fair treatment to all students within the Madonna community and throughout the entire United States.

We commend President Grandillo's support of the statement made by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) on this topic, and are proud to be members of a university that supports its students in this way.

Respectfully,

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