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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings!

What do these people have in common: Descartes, Voltaire, Moliere, James Joyce, Peter Paul Rubens, Fidel Castro, Joan Biskupic, Alfred Hitchcock, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, George Takei, Salma Hayek, and Denzel Washington? They are all Jesuit alumni! However, who are the Jesuits? How did they become significant players in the education of so many generations of famous politicians, artists, intellectuals, and social activists during centuries?

At the cornerstone of the humanistic project of Seattle University, we find the Jesuits. This controversial religious community founded SU based on the humanistic principles of the Catholic Church and the Society of Jesus, a group of godly men rooted in the humanistic academic project that inspires the education of many generations in Seattle and around the world.

We believe in education as a powerful tool that opens ways of thinking and acting in a pluralistic world, where we can find God. We believe that education of the whole person is an antidote to a dehumanizing world, which tends to focus mainly on the productive and functional aspect of education.

We are grateful that we are not alone in this battle of promoting the human spirit. We are working with scientists, artists, and staff of the highest caliber who join us in this mission of educating men and women for others to transform the social realm for a better world. We celebrate that you are joining us, and together we can learn from each other and educate the next generation of leaders that the world needs.

The Jesuit Community looks forward to meeting you when it is safe for us to gather once again.

Welcome to Seattle University!

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Sincerely,

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