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TO: Members of the University Community

FROM: Richard H. Passon, Provost and Academic Vice President *RHP*  
James T. Bryan, Vice President for Student Affairs *JTB*  
Rev. Thomas D. Masterson, S.J., Vice President for University Ministry *TDM, SJ*

RE: Racial Incidents on Campus

Two weeks ago posters announcing a presentation on diversity by Mohammed Bilal of MTV's "The Real World" were defaced with the letters "KKK" in what we hoped was an isolated incident. This last weekend, unfortunately, some person or persons wrote the same letters on the message board of Mr. Frantz Alcindor, Resident Director of Redington Hall, and linked them with a racial slur in a phrase that apparently is common on many Internet newsgroups.

These actions are not only inflammatory and degrading, they are also a serious threat to the well-being of one of our staff members. It is imperative that the entire University know about these incidents and that we unite in speaking out against this abhorrent behavior. It has no place in our community.

Should those responsible for these acts turn out to be students, they will face serious judicial sanctions, including expulsion from the University. Non-students will be referred to local authorities for criminal actions. We hope to demonstrate that the vast majority of the members of this community will not tolerate such behavior and want it stopped immediately, never to resurface in any form.

If you know about or learn of any reports of persons who may have been involved in these incidents, please report what you know to Residence Life (ext. 6226) or to Public Safety (ext. 7888). You will be helping to preserve the sense of community that we prize on this campus by putting a stop to actions that tear at the very fragment of that community and degrade the entire University.

Thank you.