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Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
President

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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

I am pleased to verify that the University of Notre Dame's submission for the AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) is a complete and accurate representation of our sustainability initiatives.

At Notre Dame, our Catholic mission calls us to be responsible stewards of the Earth, and over the last few years we have made tremendous strides in sustainability. Since the creation of the Office of Sustainability in 2008, sustainability has increasingly become part of the culture on our campus.

We have experienced tremendous progress in reducing our energy consumption and carbon footprint, even during a period of significant campus expansion. This progress is primarily due to a \$10-million investment in energy conservation measures as well as educational campaigns encouraging energy-saving behaviors. In addition, four newly constructed buildings on campus have received LEED Gold certification and another earned LEED Silver. Sustainability has become a part of Notre Dame academic life as well; we will launch a new minor in Sustainability and Energy this fall.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in STARS. It is a valuable tool that will continue to help steer Notre Dame in the direction of our sustainability goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. John Jenkins".

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
President

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