

**CHRISTOPHER J. BAKES**

October 15, 2020

**VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND EMAIL** *(where available)*

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

**Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone**  
Archdiocese of San Francisco

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**Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia**  
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**Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta**  
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**Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy**  
Diocese of San Diego Pastoral Center

**Re: My October 6, 2020 letter to Jesuit High School. Sacramento (enclosed)**

Gentlemen:

I write in friendship.

Reacting to information provided to me, I prepared and sent the attached to the Jesuit High School (Sacramento) Board of Trustees, as an alumnus, as a Jesuit-educated attorney, and as a longtime political and Catholic activist. I am a Democrat in the style and philosophy of President Kennedy's Inaugural Address (January 20, 1961), a tradition now entirely gone in the Democratic Party.

I am pleased so many of the faithful are now stirring in response to the new, secularized, politicized, and divisive messaging now emanating from some of our Catholic schools and Orders – where we might expect that Gospel values and Catholic theology would override and counter these forces.

As we the faithful see and hear the barbarians clamoring to break down the castle gates, we wonder who will be our Augustine.

Very truly yours,



Christopher J. Bakes

*Partial CV:*

*All Hallows Parish School ('70)*

*Jesuit High School, Sacramento ('74)*

*University of San Francisco, BA ('78)*

*University of San Francisco School of Law, JD ('81)*

*United States Naval Justice School ('82)*

*Chair, Cristo Rey High School Sacramento Feasibility Study (school opened 2006)*

*Lead counsel, Watson v. Perry (Secretary of the Navy)*

*Board member, East Palo Alto Boys and Girls Club*

*Chair, multiple music literacy programs for poor and marginalized communities*

*Chair, jobs and employment outreach, Alemany Projects, San Francisco*

*Director, youth outreach, Visitacion Valley Projects and neighborhoods, San Francisco*

*Chair, reading literacy program for poor and marginalized youth in San Mateo County*

*Advocate, preserve and restore Catholic elementary education in marginalized communities*

*Advocate, child protective services reform*

*Member, School Board, Diocese of Sacramento*

*Chair, San Francisco Ballpark Advisory Committee (appointee of Mayors Feinstein and Jordan; park opened 2000)*

Enclosure

cc (cover letter and enclosure) via email to Most Reverend Joseph V. Brennan  
, Most Reverend Robert F. Vasaa

cc (cover letter and enclosure) via First Class Mail and email to Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Diocese of Sacramento