

Jesuit School of Theology

*Statement of the Faculty of the Jesuit School of Theology
Supporting Fairness in the Voting Process for Unionization*

We join with our colleagues in calling the administration to support a free and fair election on the question of unionization. As theologians and scholars of religion we ask the university to consider the unequivocal support for unions in Catholic social thought (CST) that should bind us as a Catholic university. In CST, unions are not simply one way that workers come together. Unions are, as St. Pope John Paul II affirmed, "an indispensable element of social life, especially in modern industrialized societies" and "a mouthpiece for the struggle for social justice, for the just rights of working people." The struggle for workers' rights "is not a struggle 'against' others" but "for the good of social justice" (Laborem Exercens, 1981, "On Human Work").

We stand in solidarity with AFLOC and pray for a return to good faith negotiation.

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