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Subject: St. Francis Development Plan

It is the belief of many that Archbishop White doesn't really care about the problems and concerns of Madison WI, the Episcopol campus ministry or Luther Memorial Church, or whether more high priced student housing is actually needed. All he cares about is that he needs money and he can get the most money by selling to the big developers of student housing. If he had more altruistic motives, he might be building student housing for needy students or more housing for the poor or a parking ramp or seriously considering one of the various compromises/offers made by LM to purchase his property. He wouldn't care if the whole St. Francis House was demolished, because he would get more money for his piece of property. I call it his land because he answers to no one in matters like these, which is different for LM and many other religious groups who must answer to their councils , congregations and synods. Most of the money he gets, if he is allowed to sell to these developers, will go to Milwaukee and will not do much for the Madison students or community.

***The changes the developers have made in the building plans in the last month do not address the concerns of the plan commission adequately. In fact in some ways this plan is worse than the first. Please do not assume that their changes are significant. We can see by the problems at Grand Central that the required number of bike and scooter spots are inadequate for actual numbers. Imagine all those vehicles moving between every class. Will they always obey the "one way" signs, especially if they are late to class? Grand Central has no place for pizza or other deliveries to be made or stops for pickup and delivery of friends or family. Would this building? The placement of dumpsters for trash and the blocking of the alley when dumpsters are emptied, should also be of concern.

The university has no commitment to building adequate parking for all their new construction, nor even keeping Grainger available on Sunday mornings for LM as promised when there is an early basketball game.

Parking is a critical issue for the attendees of churches and concert and sports event. We have been able to rent spaces in the surface lots from St. Francis on various nights during the week, which has helped our choir members and those attending meetings. For a funeral during the week we have major problems. Because of the strong worship and music program we have survived and in fact are again in a period of growth. At the same time the University United Methodist Church located one block further to the west has had to vote to disband their congregation because without parking they can no longer survive. More congestion in our little alley way, which has needed paving and pothole fills for a long time, but continues to go unnoticed by the city, is a real safety issue for our day care families, and all our families who walk from Grainger Hall parking to the church down that alley. This alley has never been adequately and regularly plowed and salted in the winter.