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The Augustine Institute
6160 S Syracuse Way
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I would welcome the Augustine Institute to embark on a collaborative journey that would not only enhance theological education and formative programs, within the Archdiocese of St. Louis, but to the Church in the United States as a whole. The proposed partnership between our esteemed Archdiocese and the Augustine Institute presents a compelling vision for strengthening the fabric of Catholic education, formation, and evangelization for the future generations of our Church.

Within the Archdiocese of St. Louis, I am excited about the prospect of joining forces to integrate the Augustine Institute's theological teaching with our Pontifical Paul VI Institute and the lay and diaconate catechetical programs. This collaboration holds the promise of setting new standards in theological education and forming a strong foundation in Catholic teaching and traditions for the faithful within St. Louis.

In addition to these educational initiatives, the prospect of on-campus training, conferences, retreats, sacramental preparation workshops, and speaker series is an exciting opportunity to foster dialogue, share best practices, and deepen the spiritual formation of individuals within our Archdiocese. These events will provide access to valuable resources and experiences and cultivate a culture of ongoing formation within our local Catholic community.

I would be remiss, however, if I didn't reinforce the vision that the Augustine Institute could transform this property into the premier center of the new evangelization in the United States. Leveraging St. Louis's central location, the Augustine Institute could foster a new era of collaboration with Catholic organizations nationwide and invite more people to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church.

In closing, the proposed partnership between the Augustine Institute and the Archdiocese of St. Louis holds immense promise for the Catholic Church. Together, we have the opportunity to significantly enhance the quality and reach of Catholic education, formation, and evangelization, contributing to the ongoing growth and vitality of our Catholic Faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis