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Mr. David French  
President, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education  
210 W. Washington Square, Suite 303  
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Dear Mr. French:

We are in receipt of the foundation's March 24 letter regarding Mr. Thomas Klaczko.

Indeed, we became aware of your personal interest in the matter on March 4, when we saw your article on FrontPageMagazine.com criticizing DePaul University for what you have characterized as a violation of academic freedom. While I was concerned that you chose to comment publicly on the matter at that time with only selected information Mr.

DePaul has a long history of supporting the tenets of academic freedom and free speech. In fact, DePaul insists that our faculty and staff accept responsibility to create an atmosphere of civil discourse so that speech is never intimidated. We demand high professional standards of behavior from our faculty and staff and will continue to do so. Our students deserve no less.

Thank you for seeking further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Dennis Holtschneider" followed by a horizontal line.

(Rev). Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M.  
President