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Board of Trustees SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary  
Orchard Lake Schools  
3535 Commerce Road  
Orchard Lake, MI 48324

Dear Members of the Board of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary,

In a recent Special Message, the Board of Regents of the Orchard Lake Schools has informed about plans to close the operations of the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. I am writing to share with you our deep concern, disappointment, and disagreement about this decision.

Since 1885, the Seminary plays vital and important role by preparing priests to serve in the Polish immigrant communities. Its past great achievements and the spiritual and cultural impact on American Polonia cannot be overemphasized. In our opinion, the present difficulties do not constitute the basis to close this very important institution. Any temporary problems can be resolved and necessary changes must be made, so that seminary will serve the future generations of Polonia.

We are also concerned about the impact which closure of the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary will have on the entire Orchard Lake Schools complex. According to our analysis it will change its entire organizational and ownership structure. Therefore, the impact of such action will go well beyond the existence of the Seminary and will affect the interests of Polonia in Orchard Lake Schools.

We sincerely hope that you, as members of the SS. Cyril & Methodius Board, will reconsider and change your decision and recommendation to close the seminary.

Respectfully,

Stanislaw Sliwowski  
President, Coalition of Polish Americans