The Fairfield University community remembers with affection and gratitude the many gifts which Blessed John Paul II gave to the Roman Catholic Church and to the world.

We are most grateful for his interest in Catholic higher education as expressed in his Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities: *Ex corde Ecclesiae*.

“Every Catholic University, as a university, is an academic community which, in a rigorous and critical fashion, assists in the protection and advancement of human dignity and of a cultural heritage through research, teaching and various services offered to the local, national and international communities.”

*From the Apostolic Constitution of The Supreme Pontiff John Paul II on Catholic Universities*