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To Whom It May Concern:

The Order of the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross is a religious community which was originally founded in the Twelfth Century and which was reestablished in 1979 by decree of Blessed Pope John Paul II. The members of this community are faithful to the Holy Church in living their particular charism, which is dedicated to the solemn celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration and devotion to the Passion of Our Lord. This order is also committed to the formation and assistance of priests and has received from the Church the mission to promote Catholic teaching on the angels and a spirituality of collaboration with the holy angels.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross form, together with the Order of Canons Regular, one spiritual family with the same spirituality, although both communities are independent regarding legal, financial and housing structures.

The Order of the Holy Cross has acquired property in the Diocese of Steubenville with the intention of establishing a monastery and which will house the national headquarters of the Work of the Holy Angels.

As Ordinary of the Diocese of Steubenville, I welcome the Order of the Canons Regular to this diocese. They have my full support as they work toward the construction of their monastery here.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton

Bishop of Steubenville