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The Rev'd Canon John Keydel
Canon for Ministry Development
Diocese of Michigan
Diocesan Center
4800 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48201

Dear Canon Keydel,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Richard Sauersopf's call to ordained ministry.

Richard has been a student of mine at Bexley Hall Seminary in the Field Education Program. As his class professor, I have had the privilege of supervising him in our plenary sessions as well as monitoring his Field Ed experience at Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio.

I am pleased to report that Richard has shown great skill and competence in discharging the responsibilities that have been entrusted to him as seminarian. These duties included preaching, pastoral care for parishioners, teaching confirmation class and assisting as appropriate at the altar. In all of these areas, Richard has shown skill and sensitivity to the tasks and has exhibited a gift for parish ministry. I know that Richard is also prayerfully exploring a monastic vocation, but with respect to his aptitude as a parish priest, I believe he would serve God well in this capacity, if he is lead that way.

I am also pleased to report that Richard has developed a wonderful mentor relationship with Rev. Dick Burnett, his field ed. supervisor. Fr. Burnett is a very able priest and gifted theologian. This has proven to be a real asset for Richard in his discernment. I would expect Richard and Fr. Burnett to remain both colleagues and friends for years to come.

Finally, Richard has presented himself in a thoughtful, competent, professional and prayerful manner in all of my associations with him.

I would highly recommend him to you for your further discernment for the priesthood. He is successfully engaging ministry and parish life.

Faithfully,



The Rev. John R. Johanssen