



CURIA GENERALIZIA DELLA COMPAGNIA DI GESÙ

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Dear Father Greene, Christ's peace!

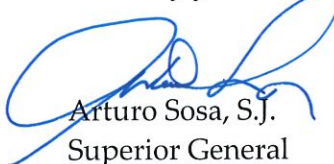
As you requested in your letter of 1 May 2025 at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 Mission Priorities Examen, with great gratitude I confirm the Jesuit and Catholic identity and mission of Saint Louis University.

You described the examen process as "perhaps the most complete and inclusive that I have ever seen." Participation in the examen itself reveals something about the strength of the culture of mission at SLU. Along with a steering committee of twenty-two members, co-chairs Virginia Herbers and David Suwalsky, S.J., led an examen that began in gratitude and moved forward with candor and freedom to discern four mission priorities to guide the university's way of proceeding for the next few years: to bolster the culture of mission, to bring mission formation to all levels of university leadership, to teach and mentor students in the practice of Ignatian discernment, and to clearly and collaboratively promote the Catholic, Jesuit identity of the university.

Specific initiatives in each area are already underway, and I encourage the university to continue moving forward. Classified with Boston College, Georgetown University, and Loyola Chicago as a Carnegie Research 1 university, Saint Louis University has a particular opportunity, I believe, to show how its culture of mission is embodied in a culture of research.

Please express my gratitude to former President Fred Pestello, to President Edward Feser, who began his service on 1 July 2025 while participating with me in the assembly of the International Association of Jesuit Universities in Bogotá, to Father Suwalsky and Ms. Herbers, to the more than 600 people who actively participated in the examen, and to all the men and women who embody the mission day by day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Arturo Sosa, S.J.
Superior General