Dear Colleagues and Students,

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Let me be the first to congratulate you on Creighton’s No. 1 ranking for Midwest Regional Universities from U.S. News & World Report for the 13th consecutive year. The magazine’s 2016 “America’s Best Colleges” edition comes out today.

This recognition reflects upon all of you – faculty, staff and students – and honors the commitment you have made to Jesuit, Catholic higher education at Creighton University.

The rankings criteria used by U.S. News include academic reputation and peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. It takes all of us, working together, to achieve these results and Creighton is honored and humbled by your collective efforts.

In addition to the No. 1 overall regional ranking, Creighton also placed at or near the top in several subcategories of the rankings. The University is No. 1 in the Midwest in the Best Colleges for Veterans and No. 2 in the region for Best Value.

A special word of congratulations and thanks goes to our faculty as the University earned a No. 3 regional ranking for Best Undergraduate Teaching. The ranking is based on citations from college presidents, provosts, and admissions deans who were asked to identify up to 10 schools in their U.S. News ranking category with a strong commitment to undergraduate teaching. Creighton is especially honored by this recognition.

Rankings such as these are one measure of a university’s value, but we know they are an important tool for prospective students and their families in their search for the right school. What a great way to start our academic year. Again, congratulations.

In peace and for the Greater Glory of God,

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