



ST. MARY'S  
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July 20, 2025

Re: Case #RZ-2025-693

Dear Legislators:

I am the Pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church and the property of the former St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church which owns the land which is the subject of Case # RZ-2025-693. I appreciate your time and diligent consideration in this matter. I understand there is a lot of legislative support for this Rausch Coleman development but the support is not necessarily unanimous.

I would like to say that we chose Rausch Coleman to purchase this land because they are quality developers and we are pleased with the housing they intend to provide. Unlike many organizations, when the Catholic Church considers an offer we do not simply look at the financial aspects, but consider the buyer and the intended use of the land. Our agreement with Rausch-Coleman indicates our confidence that the land will be in good use and benefit to the community.

We also recognize the importance that Rausch-Coleman would make such a sizable commitment to this location in Jackson County, MO, an area which has been somewhat stagnant over the years. This quality of new housing will be a great benefit for our entire community.

I would like to convey my strong support for approval of the Rausch Coleman development; there are so many positives for our community.

Sincerely,

Fr. Kendall Ketterlin  
Pastor  
St. Mary Catholic Church