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Dear Creighton Law Community:

I write to you with a heavy heart, as our community, and our world, is struggling. I have resisted writing, as I don't want to distract from the critical conversations we should be having, but I need each of you to know that you are important, valued, and heard.

I believe that we are collectively appalled by the unnecessary and tragic killing of George Floyd while he was in the hands of those committed to serve and protect. It was another terrible event that requires us to acknowledge that, despite the ideals of freedom and opportunity that helped create this great nation, these ideals are not consistently or fairly applied. This much, we know:

Social, economic, educational, and political advantages from the past are cemented as the often-unconscious privilege of the present. . . .

Systemically, we must unmask social evil and, like prophets, denounce injustice. We must eradicate overt and covert racism. This requires solidarity with those suffering from disadvantages woven into society and our self-perceptions.

Father Fred Kammer, S.J. (B.A., Spring Hill College, 1969; M.Div., Loyola University Chicago, 1977; J.D., Yale University, 1972).

We are a strong, diverse, and powerful community, and I am committed to working with each of you to make our community better. I am confident that, if we work together, we can lessen the pain, anger, and frustration that permeate our lives.

Please work to stay safe, stay healthy, and protect one another, and please, let us know if you need help.

In community,

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