



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Dear Gina:

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation for Dr. John Corvino and his presentation regarding Homosexuality. Dr. Corvino spoke at St. Ambrose University on March 27, 2008 as part of the Student Government Associations annual spring lecture series.

Dr. Corvino's presentation was both informative as to the major issues surrounding homosexuality as well as respectful to St. Ambrose's mission as a Catholic institution of higher learning. In conversations with Dr. Corvino prior to his visit on the 27th, he recognized that St. Ambrose possessed a Catholic identity and assured me that he desired to respect our institution's positions on the issues that would be discussed. He was more than willing to allow the university to respond to his presentation in either written or debate form. I was impressed by Dr. Corvino's responsiveness to the needs of the university and his ability to cooperate and discuss his presentation with university officials before the event.

Dr. Corvino made clear at the beginning of his presentation that the views he expressed were his alone and did not represent St. Ambrose. More importantly, he emphasized his desire to present his views in a respectful manner that would encourage greater dialogue regarding GLBT issues. His presentation was professional and highly informative as he engaged the audience with insightful questions, a good sense of humor, and the ability to take large issues and impart a philosophical understanding towards moral issues. Following his presentation, Dr. Corvino engaged the audience in a question and answer session for over forty-five minutes. Again, during this time he encouraged those with differing views to share their beliefs in order to enlighten the dialogue. I greatly appreciated his willingness to answer lengthy questions and share his knowledge in a personal format following the presentation.

The University and I were completely satisfied by Dr. Corvino's presentation and his professionalism towards the subject as well as his respect for our institution's identity. His ability to engage in meaningful dialogue to promote greater awareness of GLBT issues in a variety of contexts makes his presentation insightful and relevant. I would strongly encourage other universities to consider Dr. Corvino's presentation as it serves as a great opportunity to demonstrate respect for different lifestyle's as well as learn new perspectives from a respected academic who has dedicated his life towards advocating for greater justice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex Cahill".

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