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### Press Release

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Since being founded in 2013, Black Lives Matters, as an organization, has spewed some of the most divisive, hateful and separatist rhetoric of any hate group on record. The simple notion that, in 2022 America, the overwhelming majority of our citizens are of the mindset that any life based on race doesn't matter is as childish in concept as believing in Santa Clause. More importantly, vitriolic hate speech directed towards the American police officer permeates nearly every gathering in their name while serving as the inappropriate justification for the undeniable uptick in disrespect and violence directed at our police officers.

With that in mind, Brothers Before Others finds it deplorable that a Jesuit university with a saint as its namesake would allow its student body to support such an organization on a national stage. Saint Peter's University's (Jersey City, NJ) motto is 'Ad Majorem Del Gloriam' or, in English, 'For the Greater Glory of God'. Having been face to face with countless Black Lives Matters protests and born witness to the fallout of the violence perpetrated on their behalf, I am left wondering what part of the BLM message is serving God's greater glory.

Jersey City demographically is nearly split evenly between races. With that in mind, according to FBI crime data, as a resident of Jersey City, you have a 1 in 57 chance of being a crime victim. In the state of New Jersey, Jersey City has a crime rate higher than 82% of the state's remaining cities and towns. It would seem to us that Saint Peter's should be encouraging its student body to support the Jersey City Police Department rather than devaluing them through false rhetoric.

While we are calling on the administration of Saint Peter's University to put an end to the inappropriate, politically motivated and anything-but-Christlike behavior of their athletes, we simultaneously recognize how rare speaking up in defense of logic has become these days. It is that reason alone that this charity will never cease to do so. We will address every misstep that comes across our path and will continue to call out every lapse in judgment as it pertains to disrespecting our profession. Those who have sacrificed for this profession, the families they left behind, those who continue to risk it all and the members of this charity deserve no less.

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