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Dear Members of the Toronto Preservation Board,

I am the president of the Silverview Community Association. Our neighbourhood is located north-east of Yonge and Finch and southeast of Willowdale and Cummer. On behalf of our membership I support the City's intention to designate 3377 Bayview Avenue as a heritage property.

I wish to thank the heritage planning staff for their thoughtful and considerate assessment of this important property, which has been a landmark in our community for many decades. Actually, this site has been a community landmark for over six decades. This site is a unique treasure which meets most if not all the criteria for heritage designation under the Ontario Heritage Act by having exceptional historic, design, and contextual value.

We all enjoy the ravine setting, the mature trees, the landscaping and the craftsmanship/design of the buildings in the campus. It is a well known fact that Pope John Paul II stayed here for World Youth Day in 2002 and therefore this property has special significance for me personally. As I walk along Bayview Avenue I appreciate the impressive architecture and the landscape vistas from the street. Walking within the campus I admire the craftsmanship that went into the brickwork, porticos, and windows. Walking around the green space, seeing the large mature trees along with the ravine sights and scents all say to me that we must keep this property as close to as it is now. If any changes were to happen they must be limited. It is important to preserve the history and beauty that is there now.

Toronto is a great city. Let us work together to protect our landmarks. The land at 3377 Bayview Avenue is one very good example. This is why I support heritage designation of this matchless building and grounds.

Sincerely,

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President, Silverview Community Association

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