The Catholic University of America offers its voice in solidarity and prayer for the students, faculty, and administration of the Ukrainian Catholic University. By its opposition to the suppression of basic freedoms the UCU has courageously and nonviolently taken a stand against injustice. We are moved, in particular, by the bravery of those students who have joined in the peaceful protests of their fellow citizens, risking personal harm for the sake of the common good and a brighter future for their country.

We join UCU’s president, Bishop Borys Gudziak, in urging the Ukrainian government to respect the liberties of its citizens, upholding their freedom to assemble, to express views, and to publicly exchange ideas without threat of violence or obstruction. As the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States we feel a special bond with and concern for the only Catholic university in the lands of the former USSR. We add our prayers for the Ukrainian Catholic University, its students, and administrators to those of Catholic universities around the world. May God’s light shine upon you and the people of Ukraine.

John Garvey
President