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### Concerning the seminar for bishops

#### STATEMENT OF BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A theological seminar for bishops on preaching has been scheduled at Notre Dame for many months entitled: Eloquence of Teaching: Doctrine, Scripture and Preaching in the Life of the Church. This seminar is jointly sponsored by the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame. Speakers include Cardinal William Levada, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the post most recently held by Pope Benedict XVI before his election to the papacy. Most of the speakers are professors of theology at Notre Dame along with some from other universities.

Because of the likelihood of the presentation of the play, "The Vagina Monologues," at Notre Dame this year, the bishops made a collective decision to move the seminar off campus.

The bishops are very grateful to Professor John Cavadini and the Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame for making this event possible.

### Response to inquiry from Observer, South Bend Tribune concerning presentation of play

By Bishop John M. D'Arcy  
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Rev. John Jenkins, CSC, and I have been communicating on the matter of the presentation of this play since before Christmas, first through a personal visit, and more recently through correspondence and telephone.

It is my understanding that a final decision has not yet been made as to whether or not this play will be performed on campus during this school year. Father Jenkins is aware that if the decision is made to perform the play, I will make a statement, as I have done each year when Notre Dame has sponsored this play. These past statements can be found on our diocesan Web site, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org).

While I pray that it will not be performed on campus, it is my intention to maintain a strong relationship between my pastoral office on the one hand and President Jenkins on the other. I strongly believe that this is Father Jenkins' intention as well, and this is a requirement of the Apostolic Constitution "Ex Corde Ecclesiae."