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Funding Will Address Safety, Transportation Needs at Canisius and in Heart of Buffalo

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, was today joined by Reverend Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., President of Canisius College, and John Hurley, Vice-President for College Relations, to announce \$836,000 in federal funding Rep. Slaughter helped secure for the University.

"Canisius College dedicates itself to educating young men and women who will improve their communities. Indeed, all of the work they do, such as these renovations, has that goal in mind," Rep. Slaughter said. "I'm proud to have the opportunity to help Canisius better itself at the same time that it is improving the lives of the residents of Buffalo."

"The \$836,000 transportation grant that you bring to us today will be of great assistance to the College in completing this project," Father Cooke said. "The renovated ramp will help our neighbors by removing college-related parking from residential streets. It will provide an opportunity to expand public transportation services with a park-and-ride location immediately adjacent to major metro and bus lines," he added. "All told, this will be a valuable addition to the campus for our students, our faculty and staff, and our community."

BACKGROUND

The funding, part of a larger \$8 million improvement project focused on the Canisius Science Center, will be used to renovate a near-by parking ramp. Besides benefiting Canisius' 5,000 students and over 1,000 faculty and staff, the restoration of the ramp will also ease traffic and parking problems in the heart of Buffalo by making neighboring bus and metro lines more accessible to travelers.