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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the ongoing hospitality and support that Devi Mandir extends to our students each semester. We are grateful for the meaningful educational and cultural learning opportunities you provide.

I am pleased to offer the following confirmation in support of your grant application:

**Student Visits:** Students from St. Mary Catholic Secondary School have participated in educational visits to Devi Mandir as part of our World Religions curriculum and our broader commitment to fostering cultural literacy, dialogue, and interfaith understanding.

**Annual Participation:** Each year, approximately 200–300 students take part in these visits. The consistency of this annual engagement speaks to the value we place on the partnership between our school and Devi Mandir.

**Educational Value:** These visits offer our students an exceptional experiential learning opportunity. By engaging in conversation with Mandir representatives, observing religious practices in context, and learning directly from members of the Hindu community, students gain a deeper appreciation of diverse traditions and worldviews. The warmth and openness with which our students are welcomed greatly enhances their learning and encourages thoughtful dialogue.

**Importance of Accessible Space:** Having a safe, welcoming, and fully accessible environment is essential to ensuring that all students can participate meaningfully—especially those with mobility or accessibility needs. Improvements to the Mandir’s auditorium and related spaces would directly support the inclusivity and educational value of these visits.

We are grateful for our ongoing collaboration and for the continued opportunity to deepen our students’ understanding of cultural and religious diversity through their experiences at Devi Mandir.

Sincerely,

John Maier  
Chaplain  
St. Mary Catholic Secondary School