Statement from Aquinas College regarding Sister Jane Dominic Laurel’s presentation to Charlotte Catholic High School, Charlotte, NC
Wednesday, April 2, 2014

The talk, “Masculinity and Femininity: Difference and Gift,” presented by Sister Jane Dominic Laurel, O.P., at Charlotte Catholic High School on March 21, attempted to reflect the teaching of the Catholic Church in matters of faith and morals. This is a challenging topic to present and has been favorably received in other places where Sister Jane Dominic has made a similar presentation.

The presentation was given with the intention of showing that human sexuality is a great gift to be treasured and that this gift is given by God. The current culture sees this differently, and Sister was attempting to bring the Church’s teaching to a group of young students with the intention of delivering a message that would bring life, peace and a deep sense of purpose. It appears that this message was not universally accepted. The hope of Aquinas College is that no one was left feeling that they are not loved by God.

The subsequent events surrounding this presentation are unfortunate. Our hope for the members of the Charlotte Catholic High School community is that the matter will be resolved and that this Catholic community will be reunited in their love for God and one another.