

Petition for Georgetown to become a sanctuary campus

Submitted by the leadership of The Corp and GUSA

Black lives matter, and protestors have a right to peacefully fight for justice. In agreement with a similar petition from Georgetown faculty, The Corp and GUSA—as institutions built to care for and protect student needs—and with the signatories, urge the university to establish Georgetown’s main and downtown campuses¹ as sanctuary spaces, open to protestors and closed to external police or security forces.² In doing so, Georgetown would be continuing its own tradition of care for the neighbor and whole person.

The joint history of GUSA and The Corp began in the aftermath of the May Day protests of 1971, with the Vietnam War abroad and racial violence at home. Georgetown opened its doors to thousands of protesters who were driven out of their main base in West Potomac Park by police. On May 3, 1971, when the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) stormed campus without the written consent of the university, demonstrators were inundated with tear gas and driven onto our grounds. At great personal risk, student marshals and certain members of the faculty kept police and demonstrators apart, and by the evening 2,500 protesters left campus, with no serious injury and little property damage.³ Yet, the initial ambivalent response from the university’s leadership and their willingness to allow MPD on campus, which endangered students, eroded trust and prompted the student government to create Students of Georgetown Inc., “The Corp,” to assert and protect the inherent rights of its members [students] and the community.

Today, this call to protect the rights of students and our community must be answered as thousands of protestors will soon meet the uncertain and potentially dangerous response of local and national authorities. As the external authorities potentially criminalize those exercising their free speech, the violence will likely be disproportionately realized by Black and Brown communities.⁴

As an institution historically contributing to the brutality of slavery, in a city shaped by a large African-American population, and as the first Jesuit university in the nation, Georgetown should lead by example and become a sanctuary for those fighting for racial justice. We urge Georgetown to act and ethically establish its campus as a sanctuary—free from the real and anticipated violence of external police.

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¹ All Georgetown-own or -rented facilities are included in our description of “campus.”

² The only instances of MPD presence on campus must be if a survivor of sexual assault wants to pursue criminal action or during an active shooter situation on campus. We expect the university to enforce that the late night MPD patrol (according to the university [campus plan](#) with the city) does not patrol on campus or inside buildings.

³ Images of these historic moments on our campus were showcased in the 2009 exhibition held in the Howard W. Gunlocke Rare Book and Special Collections Room on [“The 1970s at Georgetown: An Exhibition from the Georgetown University Archives.”](#) Further reference can be found in *The Hoyt*, April 22, 1971.

⁴ [We Came to Learn: A Call to Action for Police-Free Schools](#)

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