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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

## Re: Starboard Media Foundation, Inc. Amendment to Application to Change WWCA(AM), Gary, Indiana (Facility No. 41332) to Non-Commercial Status File No. BML-20160714ACS

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith in triplicate, by the undersigned counsel to Starboard Media Foundation, Inc. ("<u>Starboard</u>"), is an amendment to the application filed on July 14, 2016 to change the status of WWCA(AM), Gary, Indiana (Facility No. 41332) to a non-commercial educational station (File No. BML-20160714ACS) ("<u>Application</u>"). The sole purpose of this amendment is to provide the Commission with a revised and restated Exhibit A to the previously-filed Application. Starboard respectfully requests that the Commission review and process the Application that includes the attached Exhibit A, and discard the Exhibit A that was included with the Application as originally filed. No other changes to the Application are being contemplated by this amendment.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely.

Mark B. Denbo Counsel to Starboard Media Foundation. Inc.

cc: Michael Wagner, Esq. (via e-mail) Penelope Dade/FCC (via e-mail)

## STARBOARD MEDIA FOUNDATION, INC. WWCA(AM), Gary, Indiana (Facility No. 41332) FCC Form 340, Section II, Item 4(b) Exhibit A

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE

Starboard Media Foundation, Inc. ("<u>Starboard</u>") operates a not-for-profit radio service entitled "Relevant Radio" on over 50 stations nationwide, 17 of which Starboard owns. Relevant Radio is a Catholic-inspired service, broadcasting 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year with award-winning hosts and produces 85 hours of original educational programming each week. Relevant Radio's programs educate listeners about many aspects of the Catholic faith, and lead them to a deeper understanding of that faith, with the goal of assisting listeners in applying that faith to their day-to-day lives.

Relevant Radio's programs include "Father Simon Says," which airs six days per week on WWCA. The program includes a thorough examination of the daily Scripture readings, helping listeners make a connection between the Old and New Testaments and develop a better appreciation of the teachings of the Bible. The program also provides listeners with a "word of the day," designed to improve each person's vocabulary. Another program, "Go Ask Your Father," which also airs six times per week on WWCA, provides listeners with the opportunity to ask a preist questions related to Cathlolic Church history, the Bible, the saints, the Vatican, the meaning of specific prayers, and more. "On Call with Wendy Wiese," which airs five times per week on WWCA, focuses on important issues, such as eating disorders and addictions. The show is aimed at families and provides useful advice from a Catholic perspective. Numerous other programs air on Relevant Radio during the broadcast day, which give listeners tools to experience spiritual growth, discuss topics of interest to today's families and include interviews with newsmakers, elected officials, scholars, notable experts and clergy.

Relevant Radio also operates the "Chastity Initiative," which reaches out to teenagers, young adults and parents with the important message of the dignity of all human beings, the risks of engaging in pre-marital sexual intimacy, the importance of fidelity in marriage and the virtue of self-mastery. Relevant Radio seeks to challenge young people to understand and commit themselves to living exemplary lives, as well as to provide the tools they need to be leaders for others.

Starboard has been providing listeners of WWCA with Relevant Radio programming since acquiring the station in 2004. Starboard proposes to continue providing Relevant Radio service following the grant of this application.