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We have had the privilege of staying at the Kellogg Institute in two very different periods, in 1987 and in 2010. Both times, we felt Father Ernie Bartell's presence as a strong, supportive, and uplifting force. He strongly supported the vision of the Kellogg Institute as a space for serious scientific work and intellectual exchanges addressing the important questions societies face, and he did so while infusing these exchanges with a sense of optimism. He helped participants believe that their work mattered. We are deeply grateful for his vision and his efforts to realize this vision.



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