Dear Editor,

Graham Couch (LSJ, 10/7/17) hinted that financial support took precedence over racial justice and 1st Amendment rights when Lansing Catholic Central tried to control the controversy of student-athletes kneeling during the national anthem. Probably true. Not a surprise.

We live in a capitalist and consumerist culture where money, profits and financial success is the religion that we hold sacrosanct. Values of equality and racial justice? Not so much.

We should be proud when these student-athletes take to heart the teachings of love and justice they have learned in their families and hopefully in their classrooms at Lansing Catholic Central. That we could all stand up for love and justice.

Thanks to Michael, Rohe, Kabbash and Matthew for the courage to kneel, to bring into the light the failings of our Church and our society. They have given me hope for the future.

And let's be clear, it's not about the national anthem or the military. It's about us.

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