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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Parents and Members of the All Saints Catholic School Community,

Grace and peace in Christ. I am writing regarding the numerous voicemails and emails I received concerning the current status of All Saints Catholic School. As stated in my video on March 12th, let me be very clear once again: I am not closing ASCS. Any statement about the school closing is gossip and therefore, sinful. Any communication contrary to what I have shared, again, is gossip, and therefore sinful.

The aggressive and threatening behavior that we are aware of, both on or off school property, with school staff and others, must not be tolerated and goes against what Christ demands of us. People who participate in this type of behavior will be held accountable.

All Saints Catholic School exists to nurture academic and personal excellence in all students, while prioritizing Catholic values in service to others in Christ's name. This is the heart of our Catholic identity. We cannot expect our students to embrace these qualities if parents and staff do not model them.

It is important to note, I am confident in Sarah's leadership as president of the school system and fully support what she is doing to create not only a long-term strategy for school sustainability, but to also move the school in a way that promotes our Catholicity and its values.

I believe that we all want the same results for the children who attend ASCS and must find an appropriate way to work together and support Sarah in this endeavor in order to create the best Catholic environment possible. Any behavior that doesn't seek this reality undermines what the Lord intends for this longstanding institution.

I am still willing to meet and listen to the concerns of all parents. But I will not do so as long as this gossip and non-Christian behavior continues. I would ask that each of you reflect upon how your behavior has attributed to this current challenge.

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I strongly believe the Lord has a plan for All Saints Catholic School – not my plan and not your plan. His plan. This school belongs to God and to God alone. We must restore the initiative to God and allow Him to reveal the plan to us. Only then will we be doing the will of God. I am still in the process of creating an Advisory Committee to assist in this discernment. In the meantime, the faculty and staff will continue to provide the best education possible for the children of ASCS.

May all of our thoughts, words and actions be something that gives glory to God! Wishing you all much

Peace in Christ,

+ Robert D. Gruss

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