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SOUTH CITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY TO CLOSE AFTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR

From the Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis:

“For the past nine years, South City Catholic Academy has been providing Catholic education in the City of St. Louis, as a partnership school between St. Lucy Parish (formerly St. Joan of Arc, St. Mary Magdalen, and Our Lady of Sorrows) and the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Over the past year, however, the school has faced significant challenges due to rising costs.

This year, changes in parish financial capacity have resulted in a reduced contribution to the school, increasing the level of support required by the archdiocese. At this time, continuing to provide a vibrant, high-quality education would require a level of subsidy that neither the partnering parish, nor the archdiocese, is able to sustain. We have carefully explored the possibility of continuing operations; however, doing so would require an annual archdiocesan commitment exceeding \$675,000. For these reasons, South City Catholic Academy will close at the end of the 2025-2026 academic year.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis will provide placement assistance to South City Catholic Academy faculty and staff, as well as enrollment assistance to families who wish to place students into other Catholic elementary schools.

The school community of South City Catholic Academy can indeed be proud of their work of educating children in the faith. I am profoundly grateful to them, to all the administrators, teachers, and staff who share their gifts to help raise children in our Catholic faith, and to the parents who make a commitment to Catholic education. Please join me in keeping all affected by these changes in our prayers.

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