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ST. MARK SCHOOL TO CLOSE AFTER 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

“I am profoundly grateful to all the administrators, teachers, and staff who share their gifts to help raise children in our Catholic faith. I am equally grateful for the parents who make a commitment to Catholic education.

While providing Catholic Education in south St. Louis County for the last 20 years, St. Mark School has faced ongoing challenges as a result of consistent downward enrollment trends. After consultation with St. Mark’s parish leadership to explore possible cost-reducing options, Pastor Rev. Brian Hecktor has determined that such changes would take away key services and resources from students and teachers and still require an unsustainable parish subsidy. For these reasons, I have accepted Fr. Hecktor’s recommendation to close St. Mark School at the end of the 2022-2023 academic year.

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

Please pray for all who have dedicated themselves in service of Christ through the Church. In particular, please keep all affected by these changes in your prayers, as I will keep them in mine.”

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Catholic education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis is rich in history, with its establishment 200 years ago by St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. As a coalition of 99 archdiocesan schools serving over 26,000 students (PreK-12) within an 11-county area, our schools provide an educational experience that is rooted in a higher calling from God to honor and celebrate the gifts He has given us.