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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SCHOOL TO CLOSE AFTER 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

“Our Lady of Guadalupe School in North St. Louis County has been providing Catholic Education for the last 70 years. In recent years, however, the parish has faced the growing challenge of supporting a school with increasing costs and decreasing revenue.

After reviewing recent financial projections and consulting with parish leadership about the school’s viability, Pastor Rev. Patrick Hayden has determined that continuing to fund the school is not sustainable. For this reason, I have accepted Fr. Hayden’s recommendation to close Our Lady of Guadalupe School at the end of the 2024-2025 academic year.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis will provide placement assistance to Our Lady of Guadalupe faculty and staff. The Office of Catholic Education will work hand-in-hand with existing Our Lady of Guadalupe families to find a Catholic school that can welcome them to a suitable environment and community of faith. The nearly 90% of students who currently receive Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) scholarships will retain their awards at the Catholic elementary school of their choosing.

I am profoundly grateful to the principals, teachers, and staff at Our Lady of Guadalupe School and all who share their gifts in our parish and diocesan schools, and to parents raising their children in our Catholic faith, including those who have made a commitment to Catholic education.

Please keep all who have are affected by the closing of Our Lady of Guadalupe School in your prayers, as I am keeping them in mine.”