

St. Joseph School

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Dear St. Joseph School Parent,

Today I write you with some very sad news. I wrote to Bishop George Murry S. J. to request permission to close St. Joseph School at the end of the current school year. This closure became necessary because of steadily declining enrollment, increased school costs and a decrease in the subsidy available from St. Joseph Parish. Writing you this letter troubles me deeply. I truly wish I had alternatives to offer to this closing or some realistic hope that some of these elements could change. But after closely examining the situation and consulting with our diocesan officials and our parish, school and finance councils, there was no other alternative.

I want to offer support to all of you by way of prayer, togetherness and understanding. For the St. Joseph families who wish to continue their child's education in another Catholic school, our staff will help you in any way possible. For St. Joseph families transitioning to the PSR Program, we want to welcome you with open arms. For families from other parishes, I am sure your pastor will be helpful in working with you on future plans. I want to thank all of you for your loyalty and support to St. Joseph School through the years. It is a great school and it is very disheartening that it must close.

Miss Frank and all St. Joseph Staff members will work very hard to ensure a smooth transition for your child/children. In order to help with future planning, the school will have a "Parent Information Night" at 7:00 PM on April 15th in Hughes Hall. Details of this program will be sent home at a later date. The transfer of records and the scheduling of classes will be closely attended to. All of the year end reports will be completed in a timely fashion. We wish your child the best wherever next fall will find them.

Lastly, I want to express my personal gratitude to those who have made St. Joseph a great place to learn and grow through the years. Our professional staff has been magnificent. Our Home and School Association has worked diligently and tirelessly for the good of our school. Those involved in athletics have had top notch achievements. And who could forget our bingo workers who were there through thick and thin. The list could go on and on. Thanks to all. You have created a legacy that will not be forgotten.

Faithfully Yours,



Rev. Michael P. Garvey
Pastor



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