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GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL IN HILLSBORO TO CLOSE AFTER 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

“Good Shepherd School in Hillsboro has been providing Catholic Education in the heart of Jefferson County for the last 75 years. Over the last several years, however, the parish has faced the growing challenge of maintaining a small school with increasing costs and decreasing revenue.

After reviewing recent financial projections and consulting with parish leadership about the school’s viability, Pastor Rev. Ryan Weber has determined that continuing to fund the school is not sustainable. For this reason, I have accepted Fr. Weber’s recommendation to close Good Shepherd School at the end of the 2022-2023 academic year.

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

I am profoundly grateful to the principal, teachers, and staff at Good Shepherd School, to 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 Good Shepherd School in your prayers, as I am keeping 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 nearly 100 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.