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## **TWO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

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

“As a product of Catholic education, I can speak firsthand of the powerful and life-changing effects it can have on a child’s education and formation. I am profoundly grateful to all the administrators, teachers, and staff who give sacrificially to share their gifts to help raise our children in our Catholic faith. I am equally grateful for the parents who make a commitment to Catholic education.

Our goal with All Things New, a strategic plan for evangelization throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis, is to create an educational model that is accessible, affordable, strong in Catholic identity and more equitable towards our teachers. As part of this process, we reviewed data and trends over the past 20 years and consulted with experts in the religious, education, development and financial fields. In order to be good stewards of the gifts being given to us, we have decided that this school year will be the last for Rosati-Kain High School and St. Mary’s High School.

We wanted to make this decision in time for our students to begin the enrollment process for next year at another school that is a good fit for them and their families. We also wanted to allow time for our administrators, faculty and staff to secure other employment for the next school year before the end of this school year. We will be offering enrollment assistance to our families of students, and placement assistance to our administrators, teachers and staff.

We are so proud of the legacy both schools have and the students they have helped form in our Catholic faith. Please pray for all who have dedicated themselves in service of Christ through the Church, and in particular please keep all affected 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. A coalition of 99 archdiocesan schools serving over 26,000 students (PreK-12) within 10 counties and the City of St. Louis, our schools allow our children to develop a sense of purpose and value, receive a higher quality education, join a welcoming community, and feel secure in a dynamic future. The educational experience provided to our students and their families is rooted in a higher calling from God to honor and celebrate the gifts He has given.*