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**Archdiocese Purchases Former La Salle Charter School,
Plans to Relocate St. Louis Catholic Academy**

St. Louis Catholic Academy will be moving to the former campus of La Salle Charter School located at 1106 North Jefferson Avenue starting with the 2024-2025 school year. This building will provide a viable, turnkey setting in which the Archdiocese of St. Louis can deliver state-of-the-art, quality education in a renovated space that has a long legacy of Catholic education.

St. Louis Catholic Academy can trace its roots back over 130 years to St. Engelbert Catholic School. The school became St. Engelbert Focus School in July 1989 as a result of a consolidation of six area parishes. In 2003, Bishop Healy School merged with St. Engelbert Focus School to become St. Louis Catholic Academy. Today, St. Louis Catholic Academy serves students from 22 different zip codes in kindergarten through 8th grade.

The property at 1106 North Jefferson Avenue has rich Catholic history; St. Bridget of Erin parish was established on the site in 1853. The first dedicated school building was constructed in 1871, and the existing school took its place in 1957. Several area schools merged to become Central Catholic Community School from 1970 until 2012, when the building was sold to La Salle Charter School.

With this investment, the archdiocese hopes to foster an institution that will serve the students and families of North St. Louis in a building that can support our mission to grow successful children through a quality, Catholic education.

We look forward to welcoming St. Louis Catholic Academy families and other prospective families, our partners in education, and the media to tour the space and speak with local leaders in Catholic education in the next several weeks.

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