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**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND
JOHN F. KENNEDY CATHOLIC PREPARATORY SCHOOL ANNOUNCE THE
CREATION OF THE ST. MARY’S ACADEMY IN SOMERS**

*Beginning in Fall of 2022, John F. Kennedy to Offer Grades 6-8 in an Academy Setting to
Current Eligible Public School Students*

(*January 27, 2022 - Somers, NY*) Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York and John F. Kennedy Catholic Preparatory School in Somers, NY, jointly announce a new opportunity for middle school students currently attending public school to attend grades 6-8 in an academy setting on the high school campus at Kennedy Catholic. [St. Mary’s Academy](#) will open for the 2022-2023 school year with a limited capacity of one class per grade, with possible expansion planned for the future. St. Mary’s Academy will give families another choice for a superior Catholic education in Northern Westchester County.

“This is great news for Catholic families in Northern Westchester County as we all continue to battle the Covid-19 pandemic,” said Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York. “The Catholic Church in New York introduced organized education to New York more than 200 years ago, and the academy’s formation is a move towards preserving and growing Catholic education in this area for generations.”

The St. Mary’s Academy will offer the same time-tested Catholic school curriculum and values-centered education available at all Catholic schools across the region. The program of studies will not only fulfill middle school educational standards of the New York State Board of Regents but will also challenge students to expand their educational horizons by studying languages other than English along with math, science, and robotics.

“John F. Kennedy Preparatory School is one of the premier high schools in Westchester County,” said Kennedy Principal and President, Father Mark Vaillancourt. “Our strength and commitment to excellence position us well to align with the Archdiocese of New York in this exciting alternative for public school students in grades six, seven, and eight. The new St. Mary’s Academy will expand the great tradition of academic excellence for future generations in Westchester County.”

While only public school students may apply to St. Mary's Academy for the 2022 – 2023 school year, wider application opportunities will be available in the future. Families with 5-7th grade students in public schools are encouraged to visit the [John F. Kennedy Catholic Preparatory School website](#) for more information about eligibility and required admissions testing.

All families of every faith looking for a faith-based, values-centered continuous education for their children from Pre-K through 8th grade are always welcome to visit www.catholicschoolsny.org/ at any time, year-round, to learn more about the opportunity to provide their children with an exceptional education at an affordable price in a Catholic school.

About Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York:

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve nearly 54,000 students from Pre-K through 12th grade across 170 schools in nine counties and boroughs throughout New York, including Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess. Catholic schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that empowers children of all backgrounds to gain the confidence to realize their fullest potential. To learn more about the Archdiocese of New York's Catholic schools, visit www.catholicschoolsny.org or www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork.

About John F. Kennedy Catholic Preparatory High School/Academy:

Kennedy Catholic, located in Somers, New York, is Northern Westchester's premier college-preparatory high school serving the young men and women of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, and Fairfield counties and the Bronx. Kennedy Catholic follows a rigorous Regents curriculum that prepares students for a successful college career while preparing them to live out Christ's message of service to the world in the sound doctrine of the Catholic faith. Founded in 1928 by the Sisters of Divine Compassion as St. Mary's School in Katonah, the current school was built in 1966 on its present site in a serene, 64-acre site setting which includes the natural beauty of a lake and woodlands.

To learn more about Kennedy Catholic, visit www.KennedyCatholic.org/St-Marys-Academy

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