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TWO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK WILL NOT REOPEN IN SEPTEMBER

(*May 1, 2024 – Manhattan, NY*) – The Office of the Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of New York today announced two Catholic schools will cease operations at the end of the 2023-24 academic year.

Careful deliberation, research, and analysis went into the final determination of which schools would not reopen. Unfortunately, shifting demographics and lower enrollment have significantly impacted the ability for these schools to continue operation. Affected families will be welcomed in neighboring Catholic schools, with applications for financial aid and scholarships available for the upcoming academic year where applicable. Additional information will be shared with school constituencies in the coming days.

"We understand this is indeed a sad day for our Catholic schools community," shared Sister Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York. However, as we process this news, we must resolve that the great tradition of Catholic education in New York will continue, and we will assist all families to find a seat at another excellent school in the Archdiocese."

The following Catholic schools will not reopen:

St. Simon Stock School, Bronx Transfiguration School, Westchester

The Office of the Superintendent of Schools' Directors of Enrollment will provide each family with information and answer any questions that they may have, whether they are about enrollment, transportation, or tuition. The best resource for continually updated information will always be https://catholicschoolsny.org/announcements.

The Office of the Superintendent is dedicated to working in coordination with the teachers' union to do everything it can to help faculty of the affected schools find employment within the other Catholic schools.

About the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York:

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve over 50,000 students from Pre-K through 12th grade across 156 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 catholicschoolsny.org/