



St. Ann Church and School

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Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

I want to share with you about the future of our school. Due to consistently declining enrollment over the last eleven years and, with that, increasing costs. I have decided that St. Ann School will close its doors at the end of this school year on June 4, 2021.

This decision was not made lightly but only after much discussion and consideration. The decision process involved the Parish Finance Council, the School Advisory Board, the School Administration as well as the office of Hawaii Catholic Schools. The decision has been referred to Bishop Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, who has confirmed it.

This possibility has been before us for several years. We reviewed different options. However, the challenge of providing a quality education, employing a qualified staff and paying just wages, steadily decreasing enrollment especially given the demographics of the Kaneohe area and the financial reality made us conclude that our school would not be able to thrive in service to our students and families.

Despite the grand efforts and good will of school administration, staff and faculty, the school board, supportive parishioners and the many volunteers that worked in marketing and fundraising for the school, the money raised was just not enough to allow St. Ann School to keep operating.

Over the next months we will be helping our students transition to other schools. We hope many will continue in Catholic education. We will have events, both in person and online, to facilitate that.

St. Ann School has a long tradition. It began when the parish did 180 years ago. It is with great sadness that I make this announcement.

May the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary bless you.

Sincerely in the Sacred Hearts,

Rev. Richard McNally, ss.cc.

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