



DIOCESE OF DALLAS

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Office of the Bishop

Dear Parents,

We cannot thank you enough for making the commitment to choose a Catholic education for your children. We here at the diocese believe that Catholic education should help our students achieve two goals: college and heaven. We are all compelled to ensure that the education you and your children receive always meets these incredibly important objectives.

At the request of the pastor of St. Luke Parish and after much discussion between parish leadership and the diocesan Catholic Schools Office, as well as extensive study and prayer, St. Luke has been chosen to join Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic School to become the second academy-model campus in the Diocese of Dallas. The new academy will unite two schools into one campus offering an upgraded facility with high standards, enhanced curriculum and an overall strengthened program.

The Diocese of Dallas is committed to offering an exemplary Catholic education to all families in the Diocese of Dallas that wish to send their children to one of our Catholic schools. Some of you may remember that a committee was convened to study how to make this possible. The results of the study, *Reach for the Future: A Blueprint for Excellence Catholic Elementary Schools in the Diocese of Dallas*, recommended this type of academy model as an option.

The new academy will be located in a renovated Holy Family campus. Kathryn Carruth, the St. Luke principal, will join Janet Muelschen of Holy Family in joint leadership roles and teachers at both St. Luke and Holy Family will be invited to apply for the positions at this new academy. We truly believe this merger will greatly benefit both the St. Luke and Holy Family communities with improved facilities and expanded curriculum and feel certain this merger will be a blessing to both schools.

I would ask for your support and prayer as we welcome the students from St. Luke into the new academy. May God our Heavenly Father continue to bless the Holy Family community and the academy that will serve all students in the Irving area in the future.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.
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