



# DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

April 23, 2021

Dear School Parents:

When Kristen met with me to tell me of her decision to move on from Sacred Heart School I experienced a mix of emotions: sadness that she is leaving us; gratitude for the fantastic work she has done while with us; and happiness for Kristen herself in her confidence that this is the right step for her to take in her personal and professional life. Kristen is amazing and the school and parish have greatly benefited from her presence over the past six years.

She leaves the school in great shape. The school's culture, its educational program, high teaching standards, and the spirit of the student body all are directly attributable to Kristen's tireless, loving work and ministry. She has contributed mightily to the school's excellence, taking the solid foundation she inherited and developing it beautifully. She has also put in place a strong and healthy school leadership team that will serve us well as we transition to a new principal.

To that end, I am working with Matt Schachman, our current School Board president, as well as the incoming president, Matt Bradley, to put together a search committee. The committee will work with the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools, just as we did previously when Kristen was offered the position, to surface and interview candidates. In the coming days I will share with you further details regarding the search process. After that, I will also let you know the ways in which the parish will bid farewell to Kristen.

We trust in divine providence, a trust reflected in one of the root beliefs of Sacred Heart School: "challenges are opportunities." Just as God sent us Kristen, God will send us who we will need in order to continue to be the excellent, caring and loving school family that we are.

Sincerely,

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Pastor

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