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# ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parents,

It is my hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and spirit. You have been in my prayers and will remain so.

I am reaching out to provide an update on the status of the preschool program here at the parish. There have been many challenges and unknowns that have complicated the process of determining our way forward for the school. As always, our number one concern is the health and safety of your children, as well as providing a faith-based Catholic environment.

As is the case with every preschool and school, both public and private, it is not yet entirely clear whether, how, and when we can open in the fall. This is in part due to health and safety guidelines that continue to develop. Our challenges are compounded by the fact that we have been unsuccessful in securing a new director for the pre-school program.

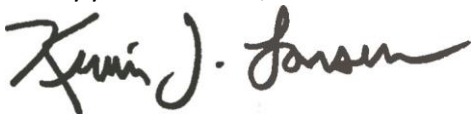
It is with great sadness that I must inform you Saint John the Apostle Preschool will remain closed until January 1, 2021. This is a painful realization, but after much prayer, deliberation, and consultation, I believe it is the right decision. However, this does not mean that we are closing the school for good. My chief objective is to provide a strong and stable preschool that provides your children a positive, safe and faith-filled environment in which to grow and learn. With God's help, I intend to reopen the preschool in January, 2021.

I understand this decision will greatly impact your family. I am informing you of this decision now so that, if you choose, you can secure an alternative program. We understand that every decision you make is in the best interest of your child. The staff and I are supportive of your decisions and welcome your questions and input as we move forward.

In the coming weeks, the staff and I will be determining our benchmarks for reopening. You will receive future memos regarding our target reopening date, registration and tuition information, and updates on our continued search for a preschool director.

Please know of my continued prayers for you and for your children as we all navigate through these challenging times. I ask for your continued prayers and support during this time, and I am already looking forward to our opening in the new year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Kevin Larsen, Pastor

Cc: Dr. Jane Taylor