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Dear St. Catherine School Parents and Families,

Today I have accepted the recommendation of the leadership of St. Catherine Parish to discontinue kindergarten through eighth grade instruction at St. Catherine School at the end of the current school year.

I know that the end of K-8 education at St. Catherine School brings sadness, uncertainty, and many questions for you and for your children. This school community has been a source of faith, friendship, and formation for generations of families, including yours. Please know that I grieve alongside you today and carry your hopes in my heart.

The decline in enrollment and increasing educational costs over the last several years have placed a growing financial burden on the parish and school, making it increasingly difficult to sustain the school in a healthy and stable way. I am deeply grateful for the many families who are now seeking new Catholic school homes for their children and for the thoughtful efforts parish and school leaders are making to support you through this process.

My commitment now is to accompany you in the months ahead. We will work closely with nearby Catholic schools to help ensure that your children can continue to receive a strong Catholic education. Your children remain at the center of this transition, and we will do all we can to help them experience continuity, care, and welcome.

Please be assured of my prayers for your families. May Christ bring peace to your homes and guide each child with His faithful love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. John C. Iffert  
*Bishop of Covington*