



BECOMING DIVINE MERCY PARISH

One Parish | Three Churches | Two Schools

OUR SCHOOLS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Among the many thoughtful responses to our parish survey, questions about our schools were some of the most deeply personal. I want to speak directly to those concerns and be clear: both of our parish schools will remain open. They will not be merged.

The same concern was raised about our athletic programs - whether they will merge. While some families of parishes have chosen to do so, the feedback we received here was clear. Both athletic programs will continue as they are and will not be merged.

The canonical unification that will form Divine Mercy Parish creates a new parish as a legal and spiritual entity. It does not require the restructuring, combining, or closure of either school or their athletic programs. Both schools will remain distinct school communities within Divine Mercy Parish, each maintaining its own campuses, identity, and traditions.

I understand that written words do not always ease the concerns people carry in their hearts. Some of you have understandably wondered whether “things will really stay the same.” I want to assure you that our schools remain a strong and integral part of parish life. And as long as our community supports both our parish and our parish schools, spiritually and financially, they will remain open and vibrant. As we move forward, school families can expect continued communication that is clear, timely, and respectful. When matters arise that affect enrollment, tuition, or governance, they will be shared with transparency and appropriate notice.

To the members of St. Joseph, who do not have a parish school of their own, thank you for your continued support of Catholic education across our family of parishes. Your prayers and generosity help make it possible for these schools to thrive, and that shared commitment is one more way we are already becoming one community.

If you have specific questions or concerns about the schools, we welcome your questions. Please feel free to reach out to our respective principals or our Director of Schools. Thank you for entrusting your children’s faith and formation to us; it is a responsibility we hold with great care.

In Christ,

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