



Star of the Sea Church

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Dear Parents,

This past year has been particularly difficult for everyone involved in our school. I am most grateful to our faculty and staff, and many parents, who have worked so hard provide a quality Catholic education for your children during this time of transition. Many have worked hard to build bridges between the parish and the school as well as develop an Integrated Classical Program, and none of that effort is wasted. We now see, however, that it is wiser to take additional time to properly study, design, market and fund the Integrated Classical Program at Star of the Sea. We have done everything possible to maintain classes uninterrupted during this time of transition, but due to a projected low enrollment for the upcoming school year, we regret that we must suspend Kindergarten through Eighth Grade classes for next year. The school will continue its preschool classes uninterrupted and will build greater collaboration between our fully-enrolled preschool and our elementary school.

This has been a difficult and uncertain period for many parents, some of whom have strongly expressed their concerns and reluctance to this development. There has also been a good deal of positive interest in moving forward with this new model. I am looking forward to working with people who are eager to develop this kind of school in San Francisco. I also continue to be grateful to the Department of Catholic Schools for their expertise and support in this effort.

The Department of Catholic Schools will be communicating with the schools of the Archdiocese to assure placement of your children in other Catholic schools if you desire that, as well as assuring that our beloved faculty can secure teaching positions within our school system if they so desire. I much regret the upset this suspension of classes will cause families, and had hoped to avoid it. Knowing that God will provide for us all, I wish you and your children the best education the Catholic Church can provide.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Illo