



January 3, 2023

Dear Families of Notre Dame Academy:

I pray that you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the break with family and friends. I write to you in regards to a transition at Notre Dame Academy (NDA). The Sisters are announcing today their difficult decision to withdraw from day-to-day management of Notre Dame Academy and return to their Mother House in Poitiers, France.

Sr. Marie-Vianney Ressegand, Superior General of the Congregation of the Christian Union of Saint Chaumont, has prepared the attached letter explaining the circumstances surrounding this decision. Fr. Chris Tozzi, Pastor of St. Therese of Carmel parish, has also prepared a letter to provide additional context and to reiterate his commitment to the NDA school community. I invite you to take a few minutes to read both letters.

In essence, this means that Notre Dame Academy will be transitioning from a private school sponsored by the Sisters' order to a parochial school operated by St. Therese of Carmel Catholic Church, under the support and guidance of the Catholic Diocese of San Diego. This transition will take place between now and the end of the school year in June, with the goal of finalizing the transfer in July 2023.

We are committed to making this a seamless transition, working collaboratively with the current administration at NDA and Fr. Chris, while continuing in the spirit of the Sisters of Saint Chaumont. We have great respect for the example and sacrifice that the Sisters have bequeathed to Notre Dame Academy and are therefore equally committed to the continued success of the school.

In the coming weeks, we will be meeting with parents and families to answer any questions you might have about the transition. Our first informational session will take place this Friday, January 6, 2023, facilitated by Fr. Chris and me. We will have a morning session at 9:00 am, right after Mass and an evening session at 6:00 pm, both taking place in the Dempsey Social Hall. Rest assured that our main goal is to ensure stability and continuity for our students and families. Please know that the quality of education that you've come to expect from NDA will not be compromised.

One of the elements of this transition includes moving from a Head of School model to a Principal and Vice-Principal model. Therefore, a search for a permanent principal for NDA will begin immediately. The position will be posted this week and a principal search



committee will be formed in the coming weeks. Membership of the search committee for a new principal will be broad and will include parent and faculty participation.

There will be many opportunities over the next six months to recognize the commitment and love that the Sisters have brought to this school – but we would like to start now by expressing our gratitude to Sr. Marie-Pascale and Sr. Angélique Thérèse for all they have given to the school and for all they have done to lay the groundwork for a successful transition. *Merci* and thank you.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Leticia Oseguera".

Ms. Leticia Oseguera
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