



## SAINT ANNE AND SAINT JUDE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 11, 2022

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*-- Jeremiah 29:11*

Dear Parishioners:

As you are aware, Holy Angels Academy has faced many struggles over the past few years. We hoped that reorganizing the school's structure in January 2020 would help us turn the corner. Despite our efforts to tighten our operating expenses and recruit new students during the COVID pandemic, Holy Angels Academy has not met the financial and enrollment goals established last year during our consultation process with our staff, parents, and advisory councils.

It is with a heavy heart that I and Kristi Doyle, after consulting with the school advisory council, parish finance council and the diocesan Catholic Schools Office, have decided to close our beloved school at the end of this academic year. This was not an easy decision. It was made after months of discussion, discernment, and prayer.

I am grateful to God for the opportunity given to our parish, St. Anne and St. Jude, to minister to our children through Catholic education. Although Holy Angels Academy is closing its doors, it's worth celebrating our school's long and rich history in Sumter. To parents, thank you for allowing us to be part of your children's academic and faith formation.

Although this is disheartening news, we must have faith. As is stated in the Book of Jeremiah, the Lord has a plan. Let us pray for the strength to accept His plan for the Holy Angel's school community.

Peace in Christ,

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Pastor

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