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Dear St. Pius X parents, alumni, students and staff,

As you are aware, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe filed Chapter 11 reorganization/bankruptcy in December 2018 due to continuing lawsuits being filed claiming sexual abuse decades ago by clergy who were then in ministry. You may know that a bankrupt organization is required to “monetize” certain assets the bankruptcy process deems to be not essential to the organization’s primary mission. Regrettably, the St. Pius X campus, along with the buildings used by Archdiocesan staff, fall under this category. However, the Archdiocesan staff is investigating a number of possibilities to adequately monetize the campus so as to not have to list it on the open market.

Regardless of this substantial hurdle, I remain committed to the future of St. Pius X High School and am most confident that we will find ways to continue this venerable institution of so many decades and which has produced so many outstanding alumni. If the sale of the current site is unavoidable, we may have to find an alternate location. In such a case, marketing will take significant time, and so we hope—and *anticipate*—that SPX will continue at its current location at least through May 2022.

All are deeply saddened at both the criminal actions of some clergy and this tragic situation caused by these actions. We deeply regret the distress that this possible marketing of the campus will cause in the St. Pius X community of students, parents, alumni, staff and the surrounding communities. Yet, we remain ever hopeful and optimistic about the future of St. Pius X High School as an institution, and are determined to continue its legacy of extraordinary education by its dedicated staff.

Let us rally together and spread the word of the importance of Catholic secondary education and the only Catholic high school in our community—an institution teaching firm Christian Catholic values in a world in which secular values very often clash with the tenets of our beloved faith. Let us be heartened by the examples of the apostles and early Christians, who did not shrink from challenge, but knowing that the strengthening grace of God was with them, worked tirelessly and courageously to ensure that the Christian faith was promoted, despite hardships and persecutions, which make our own difficulties pale in comparison.

We will keep you informed of developments as best we can. Please pray for our school, our students and the resolution of this Chapter 11 process over the coming months. May God bless and be with you and your families.

St. Pius X, pray for us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Wester". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe