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GUERIN PREP ANNOUNCES CLOSING River Grove, IL – January 16, 2020

After much consideration and prayer, the Board of Directors, with the approval of their religious sponsor the Sisters of Providence, announced the closing of Guerin College Preparatory High School (GCPHS) effective June 30, 2020, at the conclusion of this school year. This is a very sad and difficult decision and one which was not made lightly.

Three major factors have contributed to this decision: a steady decline in enrollment, the ever-increasing need for student financial aid and lower than expected fundraising results.

For many years, a quality college prep education has been provided at Guerin Prep despite financial challenges. However, the magnitude of these factors combined, made it clear that this level of educational excellence could not be sustained.

More than 20,000 young women and men from Northwest Chicago, and the surrounding suburbs, have graduated from Mother Theodore Guerin, Holy Cross and Guerin College Preparatory High Schools over the past 59 years. GCPHS' 23-acre campus resides where its founding schools, Holy Cross High School for boys and Mother Theodore Guerin High School for girls, opened in 1961 and 1962, respectively. The two schools ran separately but with shared values and traditions until 2004 when the all-boys Catholic High School closed its doors.

When Holy Cross closed in 2004, the Sisters of Providence responded to a request by the Archdiocese of Chicago, to change the mission of Mother Guerin and become a co-ed institution, honoring Mother Theodore Guerin's charge to "Love the children first, then teach them." The school was renamed Guerin College Prep in 2005.

Transition teams will assist students to identify the best options for completing their high school education. A student fair will be hosted at the school with representatives from other Catholic high schools. Assistance will also be provided for faculty and staff in their search for new employment.

The Board of Directors and the Sisters of Providence are grateful to the faculty, administration, staff, parents, students and alums for their continued dedication and devotion to providing academic excellence while keeping the Catholic Faith and strong values at the heart of its mission.

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