



Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, Inc.

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Dear Parents and Students,

It is with great sadness that we announce the closing of Presentation of Mary Academy at the end of this school year.

As you may know, we have experienced a steady decline in enrollment, the number of families that have needed tuition assistance has dramatically increased, and the demographics in our area are changing. In addition, the Presentation of Mary Sisters have contributed over \$2,000,000 in the past three years to support the school. Financially, this is impossible to continue because this funding is desperately needed to provide for the retired sisters whose demographics require the careful management of resources to assure their ongoing basic care.

After 60 years of educating young women and men in the spirit of Blessed Ann Marie Rivier, we believe that we have exhausted all avenues to increase enrollment and secure financial viability at Presentation of Mary Academy in Methuen.

The dedication of the administration, faculty, staff and Advisory Board has been extraordinary and despite these valiant efforts we have continued to face immense financial and enrollment challenges.

The administration and faculty will do everything that is possible to make the transition as smooth as possible. They will host a fair of local Catholic Schools here on campus in the near future so that students and their families will be able to discuss their options with Admissions Directors.

After this announcement, there will be sadness and grieving. However, we will collaborate with one another and support the staff and students during this difficult time. We will continue to provide the quality education that you have come to expect from Presentation of Mary Academy for the rest of this year and celebrate the legacy of Presentation of Mary Academy in many ways. You will be receiving notice of these celebrations as the year progresses.

Let us continue to pray for one another and intercede with Blessed Ann Marie Rivier to give us the courage to move forward in gratitude for our incredible history.

Sr. Helene Cote, pm
Provincial, Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

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