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Dear Catholic Community of Bell County,

We write today to share an important update about the future of Holy Trinity Catholic High School. For more than a year, the Board of Trustees and the Diocese of Austin, under the leadership of Archbishop Joe S. Vásquez and now the Diocesan Administrator, Very Reverend James A. Misko, have prayerfully discerned and dialogued about the possibility of Holy Trinity becoming a diocesan Catholic high school. By this letter, we announce that the final agreements to accomplish this goal will occur in the next few weeks. This is a momentous time for Holy Trinity and the Diocese of Austin, for which we are filled with hope for the future. We have received questions as to what will change and what will stay the same after the final agreement is executed and completed.

What will change?

- The composition of the governing structure (the board of trustees) will change. The new advisory board will include diocesan officials such as the Superintendent of Catholic Schools and the diocesan Chief Financial Officer, as well as local leadership and local clergy.
- Additional resources will be made available to assist the school in achieving long-term sustainability in enrollment as a Catholic institution. These additional resources include professional and human resources that can assist in achieving full enrollment goals for the school.

What will remain the same?

- The school's deep-rooted Catholic identity and its commitment to academic excellence and spiritual formation will continue.
- The school will remain a place where students encounter Christ, grow in discipleship, and are prepared to be leaders in the Church and the world.
- The name of the school and its traditions will remain, as well as most of its employees and faculty. In most ways, the typical school day will remain, as well as the academic calendar.

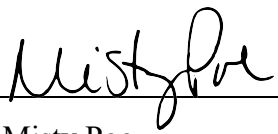
The decision to become a diocesan school is a strategic and mission-driven step forward—guided by a shared desire to ensure the school thrives well into the future. This change is critical to the larger effort of infusing more resources and enthusiasm into our school. We are optimistic about the future and know that the Holy Spirit will guide our efforts.

We are grateful to all current and former benefactors of the school, as well as all individuals who have served on the Board of Trustees or who have served in leadership positions, as faculty, or as volunteers. We are also grateful to our parents and to all our former and current students. Their dedication and stewardship have built a strong legacy upon which we now continue to grow.


We ask for your prayers and invite you to continue in your commitment to support Catholic education in Bell County. With your help, Holy Trinity Catholic High School will remain a beacon of faith, formation, and excellence for many years to come.



Very Reverend James Misko
Diocesan Administrator



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