

August, 28, 2025

Dear St. Anne's Families:

We can't imagine the pain, sorrow and anxiety experienced by the students, faculty and staff of Annunciation Catholic School in the face of the tragic shooting that occurred yesterday in Minneapolis. As we prepare for the start of our school year, rest assured that as a staff and parish school community we will continue to work in close partnership with the Garden City Police Department, the Nassau County Department of Homeland Security, and you to do everything possible to prepare for and ideally prevent the type of tragedy that we are seeing all too frequently. I have been assured of increased police presence starting on our first day, and continuing over the first several weeks, including our Opening School-Wide Mass on September 8th.

We will begin immediately speaking about, teaching, and engaging in our drills with our students, in an age-appropriate manner, emphasizing "situational awareness." We will continue to enhance security measures and practices, and we continue to encourage students and staff to always be vigilant, and "if you see something, say something." We want an environment where everyone feels responsible for the health and safety of others.

Nothing is more important than the health and safety of our students and our entire school community. As we pray for the victims of yesterday's tragedy, on behalf of our Pastor, Father Tom, know that we will continue to do all we can to maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Respectfully,

Dr. Thomas J. Fasano Principal