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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The pandemic has changed much in our day-to-day life. Education is one of them. The task of educators, school administrators, childcare providers, parents, and guardians has gone through a sea change even as they seek to continue to provide quality education. It has also taken a toll on the mental and physical health of education professionals. Hopefully, we are beyond the pandemic, and we can come out of it better than before. I am immensely grateful to our school administrators and educators for stepping up to the challenge amidst much uncertainty and risk while fulfilling their responsibility against many odds.

As we enter the last months and weeks of school, please take the time to thank the educators of our school for the immense responsibility they have fulfilled over the last three years.

### **A Few Important Changes and Transitions**

Assistant Principals at the Four Schools of the NE7 Families of Parishes

Noticing the challenges in education and the immense responsibility of school administrators, last September I had begun reflecting on the need to have supplemental administration staff in our school. After discussions with the principal and the Finance Commission, we have decided that each of the parish schools of NE7 families, there will be an Assistant Principal to help with the task of school administration.

As the Beacons of Light initiative of the Archdiocese unfolds itself, the possibility of sharing talents, gifts, and leadership among our school has become a possibility. This will allow each of our schools to achieve greater things together than we could do individually. This is one of the key principles of the Beacons of Light Initiative.

### **Mrs. Christine Walters - Principal of St. Helen and Immaculate Conception Schools**

I have appointed Mrs. Christine Walters (presently Principal at St. Helen School) as Principal of St. Helen and Immaculate Conception Schools.

**New Full Time Assistant Principals at St. Helen and Immaculate Conception Schools.**

Mrs. Christine Walters will be ably assisted by Mrs. Sarah Shivadecker as Assistant Principal at Immaculate Conception School.

The process for selecting and naming an assistant principal at St. Helen is on at this time.

**Ms. Alana Campion Principal of Holy Angels and St. Anthony Schools**

In keeping with the principle of shared leadership, I have appointed Ms. Alana Campion (presently Principal at St. Anthony School) as Principal of St. Anthony and Holy Angels Schools.

**Ms. Angie Gantt – New Full Time Assistant Principal at Holy Angels**

Ms. Alana Campion will be ably assisted by Ms. Angie Gantt as Assistant Principal at Holy Angels School. A part-time Assistant Principal at St. Anthony School is yet to be named.

**Assistant Principal at St. Anthony School**

The process of choosing an Assistant Principal at St. Anthony School is in process and a part-time Assistant Principal will be named soon.

**Future of NE7 Schools: No Plans for Consolidation/Merger**

I remain firmly committed to the four schools under my pastorship unless extenuating circumstance lead us to determine otherwise. Let me assure you that there are no plans for consolidation or merger of schools. Such decisions will only be made in consultation with the larger parish community and the yet to be constituted leadership of the NE7 family of parishes. However, by sharing leadership, talents, and gifts of each our schools, the hope is to have stronger and more vibrant schools than ever before.

I am aware of the rather unusual nature and timeline for an important transition such as this. Let us believe that we are not alone in this endeavor. The presence of the risen Jesus is with us and the Holy Spirit is our sure guide. We can also be assured of the intercession of our blessed mother Mary and the holy angels.

I look forward to working alongside you for all the future tasks ahead of us.

Sincerely,

Fr. Satish Joseph