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## OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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Dear St. Pius X parents, alumni, students and staff,

In response to concerns and rumors generated by the recent letter to the St. Pius X High School community, I would like to clarify the situation as it pertains to our school's future as well as to extinguish some erroneous rumors propagated in social media. The letter has resulted in concerns from the St. Pius X community and—positively—in an outpouring of prayer and support for Albuquerque's Catholic high school which has produced thousands of successful alumni since the first graduating class of 1960.

As you are aware, on December 3, 2018, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe filed for a Chapter 11 Reorganization Bankruptcy. Due to the bankruptcy, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe is required to monetize a large number of its properties— "to monetize" meaning that the value of the property must be obtained for the claimants by some means, whether by loans, specified donations, or as last resort, by sale. Unfortunately, St. Pius X High School is one of the properties that is required to be so monetized.

Currently the high school continues to operate as normally as possible, subject to pandemic restrictions. The Archdiocese *very* much desires that St. Pius X remain a continuing Catholic educational institution, and we are much heartened by the fact that current applications for incoming freshmen for fall 2021 are substantially more than those of last year. We are also receiving interest from transfer students coming from within and outside of Albuquerque.

The Archdiocese is actively working with the St. Pius X High School Foundation Board within the confines of the Chapter 11 bankruptcy rules for a purchase and retention of the property in order for St. Pius X High School to remain at its current location. We are hopeful that we will be successful in this process, and thus remain positive and optimistic about the future of St. Pius X.

This is a time for us to rally together, stay positive and spread the word of the importance of Catholic education, especially of St. Pius X High School in our community. Please pray for our school and the success of this process over the coming months.

St. Pius X, pray for us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Wester".

Most Reverend John C. Wester  
Archbishop of Santa Fe