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## OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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Dear Pastors, Principals, and Families of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe,

Recently, various committees of the Archdiocese met to discuss the expansion of St. Pius X to a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade school. This plan, approved by the Board of Trustees of Saint Pius X High School Inc, evolved from the Mietler Study that was conducted in the fall of 2022. The Mietler Study found, "St. Pius X is willing and well-positioned in terms of planning and facilities to undertake an addition of more students and develop a new middle school program." As a result, St. Pius X High School (SPX) undertook the first phase of this expansion plan and accepted 88 eighth grade students in 2023.

The impact of the SPX expansion was studied and discussed with pastors, principals, and other key personnel. We recognize that this next expansion will affect our PreK-8 schools. One of the main intents of the expansion is to provide access to Catholic education to students and families living on the west side of Albuquerque.

In support of the *Rebuild My Church* campaign of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the decision was made for SPX to move forward with the next phase of the expansion: adding 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades in the 2024-25 school year. As we seek to rebuild our Church, the hope is to grow all our Catholic schools, providing quality educational experiences to the children in our archdiocese. A Catholic education is much more than excellence in academics. Attending a Catholic school builds character, faith, and leadership, essential qualities needed for our future leaders.

To help us plan, we look forward to opening registration in January 2024 for our current PreK to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Registration for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade at SPX will open on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please visit our schools to find the right fit for your child. We are excited to have you be a part of our Catholic School family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John C. Wester  
Archbishop of Santa Fe