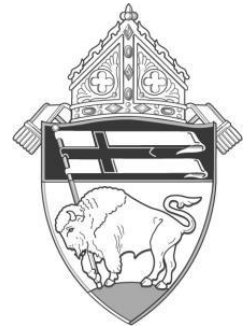

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St. Andrew Parish and St. Andrew Country Day School to Close on or Before June 30

BUFFALO, N.Y., Feb. 16, 2024 – St. Andrew Parish and its grammar school, St. Andrew Country Day School, in the Town of Tonawanda, will close on or before June 30, 2024, the Diocese of Buffalo has announced.

The parish and the school have been plagued by financial challenges over the last few years, and in recent months, the financial crisis reached an untenable stage. The decision to close both the parish and the school was reached by clerical and lay leadership of the parish and in close consultation with the diocese.

Announcement of the closings of the parish and school began today and will continue through Sunday, Feb. 18 Masses.

“The decision was very difficult, but necessary to continue to provide for the pastoral and educational needs of the faithful and our elementary school students,” explained Bishop Michael Fisher. “We will rally together with the family of Parishes in Tonawanda, Kenmore and Grand Island to both welcome and satisfy those needs within our other parishes.

St. Andrew is a member of Family #17 in the Family of Parishes which includes Blessed Sacrament, Tonawanda, St. John the Baptist, Kenmore, St. Paul, Kenmore, St. Timothy, Tonawanda, and St. Stephen, Grand Island.

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