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Dear Parent/Guardian and Students of St. John Villa Academy Elementary School,

For almost a century, the Sisters of St. John the Baptist have worked hard to fulfill the mission of their founder, St. Alfonso Maria Fusco in providing a Catholic education to children and youth, especially to those who would not otherwise have access to such an education.

Like many religious communities today, the Sisters of St. John the Baptist have experienced a considerable decline in religious vocations over the years. This reduction in critical Sister personnel in the Congregation has severely diminished our capacity to maintain adequate teaching staff and to provide assistance to St. John Villa Academy. Changing demographics on Staten Island and a resulting decline in enrollment have compounded these issues and, along with the growing maintenance expenses of an aging facility have now presented an insurmountable burden for the Sisters to continue their educational mission.

Therefore, it is with deep sadness and regret that we, the Sisters of St. John the Baptist, must announce the closing of St. John Villa Academy Elementary School and St. John Villa High School at the end of the current 2017-2018 school year.

Along with the Archdiocese of New York's Office of the Superintendent of Schools, we will be providing resources and assistance to help place all our students in a school of their choice. The Archdiocese of New York is willing to assist for the placement of your child. Please contact: Diana Gatto, Director of Enrollment, telephone number 917.650.1171.

For nearly a century, St. John Villa Academy has endeavored faithfully in the Lord to provide a quality Catholic education to the young people in our care. Many of our graduates of both the elementary and the high school have had an impressive impact on society and the Church. The Sisters are immensely proud of them and their accomplishments.

The Sisters are grateful to the countless parents and families through the years for allowing us to educate their sons and daughters with a Baptistine education. The Sisters express their gratitude to the faculties, staffs and alumni of these 94 years working with us to provide quality education for our children at St. John Villa Academy. While the Sisters' ministry in education at St. John Villa Academy will end this coming June, 2018, the Sisters will look for ways to continue the charism of serving the "poor and abandoned" in our community of Staten Island through other educational establishments and local parishes.

Sincerely in Christ,

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