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STATEMENT FROM THE SISTERS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CONCERNING ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY

(*Staten Island, NY*) -- Today, January 9, 2018, the Sisters of Saint John the Baptist, American Province, issued the following statement concerning St. John Villa Academy Elementary School and St. John Villa Academy High School:

“The Sisters of St. John the Baptist are sad to announce the closure of St. John Villa Academy Elementary School and St. John Villa Academy High School at the end of the current 2017-2018 academic year,” said Sr. Claudette Jaszczynski, Provincial Superior of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist, American Province. “Lack of adequate Sister personnel, a declining enrollment, and growing maintenance expenses of an aging facility have led the Sisters to this difficult but inevitable decision. After 94 years of devoted ministry to families and their children, the Sisters deeply regret having to make this decision,” Sr. Claudette concluded.

Parents, students, and staff members have been notified of this decision. The Archdiocese of New York’s Office of the Superintendent of Schools have offered their support and assistance concerning the future placement of students and teachers who may want to remain in the Catholic School system. Additional information and resources will be provided to our students and families in the coming days and weeks.