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### **New Catholic Academy to Open in New Haven**

**HARTFORD, Conn. – (February 5, 2020)** The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Hartford recently announced the creation of a new Catholic school to open in New Haven in September 2020. The new school, All Saints Catholic Academy, will be located at 423 Ferry Street, the current site of St. Francis and St. Rose of Lima School. All Saints Catholic Academy will be a Kindergarten – Grade 8 World School, seeking accreditation to become an International Baccalaureate School (IB) where students learn in an environment that prepares them to live and thrive in a global world.

All Saints Catholic Academy will be formed from the merger of three New Haven Catholic elementary schools: Catholic Academy of New Haven, St. Bernadette School, and St. Francis and St. Rose of Lima School. The decision to merge the schools into a new entity follows a comprehensive study undertaken by the Archdiocese, with recommendations from an Ad Hoc Committee, to determine the best way to continue providing Catholic educational opportunities to the families seeking it in the New Haven area.

The study, combined with consultation among the New Haven Catholic school pastors, identified both the continuing importance of Catholic school education to New Haven and the need to provide students with a global perspective in order to prepare them to be tomorrow's leaders. Despite the local demographic shifts which have made school viability increasingly more difficult to achieve with the current number of schools in the area, the merger and subsequent opening of All Saints Catholic Academy will ensure that Catholic elementary education remains accessible to all New Haven families.

Students at all three existing schools, as well as new students, will be invited to enroll at All Saints Catholic Academy, which will offer numerous instructional benefits: students will focus on learning languages (English, Spanish, world languages) with an emphasis on communication skills; engage in hands-on, project-based assignments using the methods of engineering design; become inquisitive thinkers, problem solvers, and global citizens; and learn how to care for one another, their community, and their world. The philosophy of teaching and learning at All Saints Catholic Academy will be based on the foundation of social emotional intelligence and a growth mindset, supported by a strong Catholic identity and the principles of Catholic Social Teachings.

In addition, All Saints Catholic Academy plans to engage in collaborative partnerships with higher education institutions, providing students with the motivation and skills to succeed. The

Academy will also have an accomplished advisory board, including committees focusing on marketing and advancement. Faculty, staff, and administration will be required to reapply for positions at the school, and those selected will receive professional development in the new instructional model.

The school's central location puts it within four miles of both St. Bernadette School and Catholic Academy of New Haven, easily accessible by bus for students of both schools, since students residing in the City of New Haven receive free busing. Tuition assistance support will also be available for families in need.

The name *All Saints Catholic Academy* was chosen to honor the heritage of all the New Haven schools that have proudly borne the names of many Saints. Registration for interested students will be starting shortly, and additional information will soon be available at this site: [AllSaintsNewHaven.org](http://AllSaintsNewHaven.org).

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