

Dear Friends of St. Michael High School,

Working with students is always a challenge. As a school community, we want our students to explore ideas and express feelings as part of their formation. While doing so, we sometimes find some of those ideas and feelings are not supported by our school or our Church. Our Catholic Church teaches us that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. We are called to embrace and appreciate both the uniqueness of all persons and their equal standing before God. This is the faith journey that we take with our students.

In the past, dialogue remained in the classroom where ideas were heard, and students had an opportunity to grow in their thinking and reasoning. Unfortunately, there is a side to technology and the internet that short circuits this process and inhibits those discussions and that growth.

What is said or written by individual students may be contrary to the teachings of the Church and the mission of our school, as is the case in the recent message posted on the internet. We apologize to anyone who was offended by this writing. The ideas and writings of this student, and their subsequent posting on the web, were not within the school's control. We look at this incident as a teachable moment and as an opportunity for education and growth for all involved, particularly through reflection on the wisdom of our Catholic faith.

The Mission Statement of St. Michael the Archangel High calls us to be committed disciples of Christ. Please be assured that we will continue to work with all of our students to seek the truth, live the faith, and serve like Christ.

Sincerely,

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Formed in Catholic tradition, the mission of St. Michael High School is to foster the spiritual, intellectual, and personal development of young people as committed disciples of Christ.