



Statement of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Regarding the Decision of the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur to Close Our Lady of Victory Catholic School:

February 23, 2021

The Diocese of Fort Worth was informed this morning that the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur will close Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Catholic School at the end of this school year. Bishop Michael Olson first heard of this decision today in a conversation with Sr. Patricia Ridgley, Regional Superior for the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur. The Diocese was not consulted on this decision. The Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur have owned and overseen Our Lady of Victory Catholic School since 1910.

The Diocese commits to assist the families of OLV School to find other Catholic schools within the Diocese of Fort Worth for their children to attend for next school year. We also stand ready to assist the faculty and staff to find employment elsewhere within the Diocese, where available.

Although the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur will no longer be providing Catholic education through its Catholic school within the Diocese of Fort Worth, we look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Sisters in supporting and ministering to the poor and disenfranchised in our North Texas community.