



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



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Dear Friends in Christ,

After receiving news of the security concern at Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica School in the Diocese of Beaumont, we join Bishop Toups in offering thanks to God that the situation was resolved in the most peaceful manner possible. This incident reinforces our strong dedication to the security of all students, faculty, and staff at our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

In recent years, the Diocese of Fort Worth has invested in enhanced security measures for our Catholic schools, including the 2020 creation of the position of Diocesan Director of Security, improvements to school infrastructure, surveillance technology, and security systems. Additionally, we have implemented a school resource officer program through which a police officer is present at each of our Catholic school campuses to serve as school security. These officers are now fully integrated into the life and activities of each school. We are also working through the Advancement Foundation of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth to fund and endow enhanced security measures into the future.

I appreciate all the hard work our faculty, staff, and resource officers do to help protect our school communities in order to accomplish the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Michael F. Olson

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