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St. Margaret of Scotland Families:

Some of you may be aware of the recent closing of South City Catholic Academy. South City Catholic Academy (SCCA) has a special mission to help students with academic needs through the use of a learning center. With the announcement of the closure of SCCA, there was a need to find a home for these students. After weeks of working with the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Office of Catholic Education and Formation, I am happy and proud to announce that St. Margaret of Scotland has been suggested as the new site for these students.

As a result, St. Margaret of Scotland School will be expanding the services that we provide in our Learning Lab, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has agreed to provide funding for two special education teachers at St. Margaret of Scotland, who will help serve the needs of not just these students but all students in our school. SMOS will integrate both of these special education resource teachers into the parish school staff, ensuring even more individualized, small-group instruction and personal care to the students. It will also allow us to free up other resources in the Learning Lab to meet the myriad of diverse needs of the students of St. Margaret of Scotland, including increasing the scope of our accelerated programming.

St. Margaret of Scotland has a proud history of inclusivity, equity, and diversity. This is a natural extension of our mission to provide a quality, urban education based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and Catholic Social Teaching. We look forward to welcoming these students from SCCA into our student body next year and are enthusiastic about the possibilities this enhanced Learning Lab experience will bring.

We will continue to keep you informed as plans for the implementation of this exciting development progress.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Holley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Patrick Holley

In the end, it's the beginning that counts.