



## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

**August 19, 2026**

Dear Saint Philomena School Community,

We often see that those who hope to follow God are continually invited to trust enough to go wherever God calls. That call is rarely easy. It often asks us to move from places and people we deeply love so that we may grow in new and unexpected ways.

The Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus who founded our beloved school, and who also, after seventy years, so courageously entrusted its future to us, live from this same conviction. Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, Foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart, shared this same trust in the power of God's love. Indeed, our worldwide community of Sacred Heart Education is rooted in the unwavering belief that we are all called to discover and reveal the love of the Heart of God in every place and among all people.

All of us who love Saint Philomena School of the Sacred Heart know that this community continues to be shaped by generations of beautiful children, exceptional faculty and staff, devoted parents, and countless supporters. Each member has been called here for a time, to grow, to share God-given gifts and talents, and ultimately to go forth and transform the world for good.

It is in that same spirit of trust, courage, and confidence that I write to you today.

The 2026-2027 academic year will mark the culmination of my service as your Head of School after twelve years. Following this school year, I have accepted a call to serve the wider Network of Sacred Heart Schools in the United States and Canada as its next Executive Director, beginning in September 2027.

This was not an easy decision. It has been one of the most important discernments of my professional life because of the great love I have for Saint Philomena School of the Sacred Heart and the deep relationships I have been blessed to build with so many of you. You have become much more than community and colleagues; you are an important part of my life, and I might even say, for these past eleven years, the biggest part of my life. I know so many of those relationships will continue well into the future, and Saint Philomena School will always be home.

With great trust, I have come to recognize this invitation as an exciting call to serve the broader mission of Sacred Heart education and the Society of the Sacred Heart. While my daily work will eventually extend beyond our campus, I take great comfort in knowing that

this new role will allow me to continue investing in the vitality and future of Saint Philomena School while also supporting our sister and brother Sacred Heart schools.

This transition is also an exciting opportunity for our school to continue expanding our impact. We are blessed with an exceptional Board of Trustees, a remarkably talented school leadership team, dedicated faculty and staff, deeply committed families, extraordinary students, generous supporters, and a vibrant school culture rooted in mission. Together, these strengths position Saint Philomena School of the Sacred Heart to attract an outstanding new Head of School, someone who loves children, will embrace what makes us special, build upon the strong foundation we have created together, and lead our community to even greater heights in the years ahead. Our talented Board of Trustees is already beginning the meaningful search process for our next Head of School, and I look forward to partnering closely with them throughout this year to ensure a seamless and successful transition.

There will be much more love and gratitude to express as the year unfolds. Until then, we have an exciting school year ahead of us. Together, we will continue to do what we do so well, partnering with one another to foster the joy, care, and inspiration that have always been the hallmarks of this extraordinary school. Our focus remains exactly where it belongs: on our children. You can count on my wholehearted commitment to make this year truly extraordinary for their sake and to ensure that our next Head of School inherits a community that is united in mission, thriving in every way, and beautifully prepared for the future God is already unfolding before us.

Let us have the courage to remember that Saint Philomena School has never been built upon one person, but upon one enduring mission. Let us have confidence that what has always made our school exceptional is the willingness of an entire community to answer God's call for the sake of children. Throughout our school's history, each chapter is written by good people called to this mission, enriched by their lives, and entrusted to those who continue the story.

Forever, St. Phil's!



Head of School  
Saint Philomena School of the Sacred Heart