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Dear Alumni, Parents & Students,

This week has seen much public discussion about postings on social media by a teacher at Immaculata High School. As a school community, we respect, profess and uphold the teachings of the Catholic church on the sanctity of marriage, but we are also a community that follows the example of Jesus Christ in welcoming all people. These postings, which were quickly removed at our request, were completely inconsistent with our policy and position as a Catholic Christian community and, as a result, the teacher has been put on administrative leave, effective immediately.

This episode has reflected not only on this teacher but, by extension, on Immaculata High School. We regret deeply any hurt this has caused to any individuals and the negative light in which it has cast our school. We are reminded that the true witness to what we profess as a Catholic school is the selflessness of our students past and present, who each year dedicate thousands of hours of service to people in need, no matter where they are or what they believe.

Although these were posts to a personal social media page, Immaculata High School recognizes the need to ensure that our faculty, staff and students fully understand the behaviors expected of them as members of our community and recognize our intolerance of discriminatory behaviors of any kind. We are taking every necessary step to reinforce established guidelines and promote a clear understanding of acceptable use of social media and to refresh sensitivity awareness consistent with Christ's teachings.

Please be assured that we will do everything we can in this trying time to make clear that the philosophy of Immaculata High School is one of inclusion rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. We ask for your continued prayers and support for our school, the teacher in question, and all our faculty, staff and students.

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