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Dear Immaculata family and friends,

As you now know, our beloved Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have been called by the leadership of their order to new missions at the end of this school year. Though deeply saddened by this news, I am honored to have the opportunity to help lead our community through this transition and build upon the rich heritage that was originally planted by these Servants back in the early 1960's when they helped then Father Eugene Kelly open the doors of Immaculata High School for 215 freshman and sophomores.

Having had the opportunity to work with the Sisters currently serving here, Sr. Virginia, Sr. Dolores, Sr. Karen, and Sr. Mary Ann, even for a short time, has given me significant insight into their order, charism, and spirituality, and how much they have and will continue to impact our community. They have assured us of periodic visits and of their continued support through prayer. As Immaculata High School continues to grow, evolve, and reach new heights, we will always feel and recognize the love, commitment, and fidelity by all of the IHM Sisters who have walked our hallways.

The strong foundation built by the Sisters and the energy and dedication of today's faculty and staff ensures that Immaculata High School's future is bright and promising. We are visioning for Immaculata to become the premier educational institution in the area and are preparing for a strong upcoming school year. To secure our premier status, we need all hands on deck and all members of our school community trumpeting the many benefits of our school. Your endorsement to family, friends and neighbors can stem the tide of misinformation and will go a long way to educate those who may know little about our school and the excellent opportunities it offers our children.

I consider this announcement from the Sisters a charge for all of us to carry on the great legacy that has been built here. I also consider this a call for prayer and support of future vocations to religious orders and the priesthood. We must let our children know that we not only support, but encourage these vocations should God be calling them to this life.

Join me in beginning this new chapter in our long legacy. Help assure that our mission, core values, and Catholic identity will continue to be strong, evident, and effective.

With "Creative Hope",

Joan M. Silo, Ed.S.  
Head of School

"The IHM Charism is made up of the virtues of  
*Love, Creative Hope, and Fidelity.*  
This charism becomes real when it is put into action."  
- An Amazing Adventure