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ST. ALBERT THE GREAT AND ASSUMPTION ACADEMY CREATE A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

Working together to sustain Catholic Education in our community

Broadview Heights, Ohio – November 26, 2018– School and Pastoral Leaders from Saint Albert the Great and Assumption Academy have been meeting for weeks to develop a plan to sustain Assumption Academy’s dropping enrollment and Saint Albert the Great’s growing waiting list. In this developing agreement, leadership from St. Albert the Great will manage the school for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, including evaluating staff, budgets and programming needs. This is not a merger, as other schools in the Dioceses of Cleveland have done, but a partnership to help sustain Assumption Academy as a standalone school funded by Assumption Parish.

“Now as we all look back, we see that us working together is such a logical thing,” said Father Ed Estok, pastor at St. Albert the Great Church. “However, this isn’t the approach that other Catholic schools have taken, so we’re working to pave a new way to help Assumption Academy remain a viable campus, and potentially offer a model for other struggling schools.”

At the center of the plan, lies the many years of experience of St. Albert the Great Principal, Ed Vittardi to work closely with the Assumption Academy leaders, parents, and students to identify what is working and what changes should be implemented. During his time at Saint Albert the Great, the school has been recognized as a Top Workplace by the Cleveland Plain Dealer 4 times and enrollment has increased by 230 students. For the 2019-2020 school year, St. Albert the Great has a waiting list for nearly every grade.

“It is our hope that this partnership will help to sustain Catholic education at Assumption Academy for next year and beyond,” said Father Justin Dyrwal, Pastor at Church of the Assumption. “We look forward to the advice, partnership and assistance from a neighbor in our time of need.”

Assumption Academy partners with the Catholic Church, students and their families to deliver a high-quality education for students in grades PreKindergarten through 8th grade. Learn more by visiting www.assumptionacademy.org **OPEN ENROLLMENT for the 2019/2020 school year at Assumption Academy is now open! Or, to schedule a personal tour, contact 440.526.4877 or email sch_assumption@dioceseofcleveland.org**

St. Albert the Great has a proud tradition for over 50 years of promoting academic excellence, strong moral values, and service to the Church and community. Learn more by visiting www.school.saint-albert.org