



Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria
Office of the Bishop

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Dear Schlarman Academy family,

There is no doubt that the recent events occurring at Schlarman Academy are disheartening. I write to you to clarify some matters and to assure you of my support of Schlarman Academy. Despite many false claims and inaccurate media reports, it has been and is the hope and desire to continue the tradition of providing Catholic Education in the Danville area through Schlarman Academy.

Unfortunately, for several months there had been misgivings among some regarding the school's leadership. Despite the view that "Peoria doesn't care" and "the diocese is doing nothing," there were several interventions through the Office of Catholic Schools to resolve differences. Despite these efforts, Mr. Mark Janesky chose to resign his position and further decisions were necessary to move forward. Mrs. Barbara Rew, our principal, has maintained the confidence and support of me and the Office of Catholic Schools. She is a dedicated servant of Schlarman Academy and the Church with the interests of our students in her heart.

It is completely inaccurate that it was ever said that "it is the city of Danville's problem." As an apostolate, it is our responsibility as Church to ensure that we are providing, to the best of our ability, a school which is rooted in Catholic identity, solid in her academic rigors and formative of one's Christian discipleship. I believe Schlarman Academy can and will remain true to this mission.

Despite this recent fracas, I ask you to be supportive of Schlarman Academy. If we truly have the students' best interest at heart, we must work together to build upon the rich history of our school.

Sincerely in Christ,

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