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Dear Friends of Nativity Parish and School:

In response to the concerns of school parents expressed at the Nativity of Our Lord Parish Council at the meeting of November 7, 2007, I immediately initiated a comprehensive review of parish and school security procedures. The safety of our children must be our highest priority. Accordingly, the following additional security measures have been implemented:

RESTRICTED AND MONITORED ACCESS TO THE PARISH AND SCHOOL FACILITY

Officer Dana Weiland of the Broomfield Police Department has emphasized that entry control is the single most important element in security. The enclosed "Security Procedures" establish an increased level of surveillance to insure a safe environment.

ENHANCED VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

With the addition of a 32 channel DVR and new single and sequential pane monitors at three different locations, all corridors on each floor of the school wing are under 24 hour surveillance from 26 different camera sites.

UNIFORMED SECURITY PERSONNEL ON SITE DURING WEEKDAY HOURS OF PARISH AND SCHOOL OPERATION

Personnel provided by Nighthawk Security, a multi-state protection agency, will be present on site from opening of parish and school facilities at 7:30 a.m. to close at 10:30 p.m.

INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Additional security and emergency equipment has been installed but will not be identified or described to insure operational effectiveness in case of need.

UPDATED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, the school maintains a detailed preparedness manual which addresses response to emergency situations. To obtain further information, contact the School

Administration Office.

Increased security entails both increased inconvenience and increased costs. The entry and exit restrictions outlined in the "Security Procedures" may require additional time. Exclusive restriction of the gym foyer door to student entry and exit during school hours will not permit parents to accompany children to classrooms. The new surveillance equipment and security personnel will necessitate increased capital and operating expense. But to insure the safety of our children both inconvenience and financial expense are insignificant.

The possible future placement of physical barriers to isolate the school wing remains under discussion with municipal authorities due to fire and building code considerations.

In conclusion, I extend my thanks and appreciation to the following who assisted in the process of review and implementation of the security measures detailed above:

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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