



## SAINT ALPHONSUS PARISH

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Mr. Edward Courtney  
St. Alphonsus School  
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Dear Ed:

After consultation with the Office of Education and following their advice I have decided to accept your letter of resignation and take it as final. I do so with reluctance. At the same time I express again my gratitude for all you accomplished as principal of St. Alphonsus School.

Ed, it is important that you understand the reason we were able to keep the matter that led to your submitting a letter of resignation quiet was because the parents concerned, who also admired your abilities, were assured that since there were only two weeks left of the school year, you would be allowed to finish the year as usual. But they were also assured that you would then terminate, which was in keeping with the agreement we reached in the discussion we had with Mr. Pat Crowley, the Archdiocesan Attorney.

Please understand that I appreciate how difficult all this must be for you. At the same time it is clear to me that if you were to follow the original cause of action you would there by be allowed to save face and leave the area with the respect and admiration of the majority of the St. Alphonsus School people. To alter that course would be to run the very real risk of turning this situation into a cause celebre thereby doing damage to your name and reputation and that of the school.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Jeffrey L. Sankins*  
(Rev.) Jeffrey L. Sankins  
Pastor, St. Alphonsus Parish



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