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Reverend David G. Poecking  
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Dear Father Poecking:

Having received your letter of January 10, 2019, I acknowledge your request for permission to merge Saint Malachy School, Coraopolis, and Holy Trinity School, Robinson, effective July 1, 2019. I note that this request follows an extensive consultation with the principals, pastoral councils, finance councils and other advisors at Holy Trinity Parish and School, Saint Malachy Parish and School, and Saint John of God Parish, as well as consideration of the recommendations of the specially formed Holy Trinity and Saint Malachy Task Forces.

In your letter, you note the merging of the two schools into one emergent school is the “expression of the mission of the three parishes” and “better implements and expresses the Church’s mission to these communities.” You have petitioned to have the kindergarten through eighth grade located at the current Holy Trinity School building which has ample classrooms to accommodate both the Saint Malachy and Holy Trinity school children. Such an arrangement will help to reduce costs, allow the merged school to address the insurance debt and ensure a Catholic school education for the children of the Kennedy, McKees Rocks and Robinson communities.

In light of the above-mentioned factors, and in view of the consultation process involving the task force, your councils, the school administration, and many others, I grant permission to merge Holy Trinity School and Saint Malachy School under the new name Archangel Gabriel, effective as of the commencement of the 2019–2020 school year. In doing so, I also want to recognize the tremendous contributions of the many parents and parishioners over the past number of years in support of Holy Trinity School and Saint Malachy School.

The permission to merge the two schools is granted with the clear understanding that every effort will be made to assist the children of parishioners at Holy Trinity, Saint Malachy, and Saint John of God Parishes with the transition to this newly merged school. Given the importance of Catholic schools, I know that you will encourage your parishioners to continue their support for Catholic education.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for the Church Alive!*, and for our belief that “Nothing is Impossible with God,” I am

Your brother in Christ,

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Most Reverend David A. Zubik  
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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