



Archdiocese  
of Omaha

ONE CHURCH  
ENCOUNTERING JESUS  
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES  
LIVING MERCY

**Father Stan,**

I have received and reviewed the name and mascot recommendations from the Transition Team. Please share my gratitude for their collaborative work in service of the newly united school. I appreciate their efforts to gather community feedback on the name of the new central Catholic Jr./Sr. High School in Humphrey, and I was happy to extend the deadline to fully allow for that process to be completed and carefully considered.

The new school will be called Archangels Catholic High School, and its mascot will be the Defenders. The thoughtful explanation behind this name set it apart. I pray these strong, beautiful patrons will serve this new united school well for years to come.

Thank you also, Father Stan, for your pastoral leadership throughout this process. Know of my prayers for you and the Transition Team in the days and weeks ahead as you all continue to prepare for the next school year. Please also pray for me. I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. George J. Lucas  
Archbishop of Omaha

February 2, 2024

Dear Families,

As you are aware, late last week we submitted three name and mascot combinations to the Archbishop for his consideration. We want to thank everyone who has been praying for our team and our communities during this time.

Today we are excited to share the name and mascot selected by the Archbishop: Archangels Catholic High School Defenders. If you recall, when we submitted the name recommendations to the Archbishop we also included a brief explanation of how the name would represent the communities and the core values that emerged during our process. Below is the explanation that was submitted for Archangels Catholic High School.

*This name is inviting to all in our Family of parishes. When our Family of parishes was established, the St. Michael the Archangel prayer became a unifying prayer amongst us. The Archangels represent great attributes that our students should emulate as the result of quality Catholic education. Gabriel is the messenger of God; we want our students to spread the word. Michael is the defender; our children should be armed and ready to always defend their faith. Raphael is the healer; our students through their faith can help bring healing not only to our communities, but to the world. This name is unique; to our knowledge there are no other high schools in the area with this name.*

As we mentioned in our very first letter, this team is committed to creating a path forward so that we can thrive in the future of a new Catholic high school where our children can continue to grow in their faith. It's because of that commitment that we have continued to work on the necessary steps for a successful school year beginning this fall. Earlier this week our team met with the Chief Financial Officer of the Archdiocese to seek guidance on funding the new school and will continue to work with his team for direction.

The work has just begun, and we will need the partnership of additional parishioners and school family members to ensure all necessary steps are executed well. In the coming days, groups will be formed to work on pieces of the transition process. These groups will be guided by the Transition team along with Father Stan's oversight. The initial areas of focus will be finances, staffing, culture, and branding. If you have time and talents to share and are committed to the success of Archangels Catholic High School, we encourage you to talk to a member of the Transition team about potential opportunities to get involved.

In Christ's Peace,

The Transition Team

St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St Raphael pray for us.