



STATEMENT CONCERNING POWERS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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As many of you are aware, the Catholic Diocese of Lansing agreed in late 2009 to purchase from General Motors the Service Parts Organization building on Hill Road near I-475. This purchase would have led to the relocation of Powers Catholic High School from its current site to the SPO building. The spread of this exciting news has energized the Powers community. The flow of generous contributions reminds us again how dearly the Catholics of Genesee County treasure Powers Catholic High School.

There has been a new development, however. General Motors has decided to stay in its SPO facility. This is welcome news to everyone in the region, and the Catholic Diocese of Lansing did not hesitate in giving its assent. It appears that about 800 direct GM jobs, and many additional indirect jobs, will be preserved.

And yet the disappointment in the Powers community is undeniable. Hopes were raised. Plans were drawn. Dreams seemed close to fulfillment. Now, even as we acknowledge the benefits of GM's decision, we are left to wonder and to pray. We will continue to work with General Motors to help realize our dream. And as we do in every hour of our lives, we place our hopes and our lives in the hands of Jesus.

Where do we go from here? First of all, we know that Powers is an excellent Catholic high school. No matter where it is located, the faculty, staff, family members, and students will contribute to a better world and a more vibrant Church. Our donors, anticipating this great opportunity, have been most generous. To determine where we go from here will require wisdom from the Holy Spirit and continued good will and support from all who have deep affection for Powers Catholic High School. Please pray for that outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who makes all things new.