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St. Francis College Prep Moves to Support St. Jeanne de Lestonnac High School

Murrieta, CA (June 6, 2016) – The Board of Directors of St. Francis College Prep High School have announced they are deferring enrollments for fall 2016 and will support St. Jeanne de Lestonnac's efforts to open a high school. The decision came after the San Bernardino Diocese (Diocese) indicated it would solely support only one Catholic High School in the region and that St. Jeanne's was their choice. The Board was in the process of considering an agreeable and generous offer for the acquisition of their first campus when the information from the Diocese was made available.

"On behalf of the Board and Staff, we would like to thank and recognize the support we have gotten from not only the southern California area but also our friends in Washington D.C., Michigan and Texas. The St. Francis' Board remains committed to supporting a Catholic High School to serve the 1.2 million Catholics in the region," explained Mike Fitzpatrick, President and Chairman of the Board. "What's important is that our region has a Catholic High School. The region has the ability to support a number of Catholic High Schools, but we will defer our efforts for the time being, as the Bishop has requested."

St Jeanne's plans to open a high school in Temecula Wine Country. Recently, they released their plans for development of the project and are in the process of having those plans reviewed by the County of Riverside. They anticipate opening in fall of 2017.

Saint Francis College Preparatory High School
is a community-based non-profit organization in the Catholic education tradition serving Southwest Riverside County families and communities.
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