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**The Chair of the Board of Directors and
The Executive School Improvement Co-ordinator
of St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust (STCAT)**

To: Parents and Carers of pupils at:

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School
St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School
St Joseph's Catholic High School

"The glory of God is
a human being fully alive!"

13th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As the former Chair of the Board of Directors, and as the former Chief Executive Officer, of St Peter Catholic Academy Trust (SPCAT), we are writing to you in our new roles to let you know formally that on 1st February this year SPCAT merged with the St Alban Catholic Academies Trust in Luton and Dunstable, to form a new Diocesan Trust called St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust (STCAT).

This means that the three schools attended by your children have joined with five other Catholic schools to form a larger family of schools. The purpose of this merger is to strengthen ties between Catholic schools across the southern half of our diocese. The Bishop's plan for stronger families of schools, working together to make things even better for your children, will mean that the new St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust (STCAT) will gradually grow to include further Catholic schools too.

On a day-to-day basis, you will notice no difference as a result of the creation of this new Trust. There will be no disruption to your children's education or to their individual school – which will continue to have its own ethos and Mission Statement, its own Headteacher, its own Local Academy Committee (governors) – and there will be no changes in staff as a result of the merger.

We, and the Chief Executive (CEO) of STCAT – Joe Richardson – are proud of all our schools and we look forward to working together to help them develop and improve even more in the coming years.

With best wishes to you all

Ciran Stapleton

Executive School Improvement Co-ordinator (STCAT)

Dr E J G Duffy

Chair of the Board of Directors (STCAT)