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Christ the Redeemer!

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Dear Parent,

The announcement this week that the Bergen County Prosecutor has charged Mary Ayoub, the former business manager for your school, with theft certainly saddens all of us.

We are sorry that you had to learn about it through the media. During the time that the Prosecutor has been investigating the matter actively, the Archdiocese and the school needed to maintain confidentiality so as not to impede or hamper the Prosecutor's inquiry. Consequently, we were unable to discuss the situation publicly. Even at this time, while the matter is ongoing and is likely to move into the court system, many of the details about Ms. Ayoub's activities will be made public only by the Prosecutor's Office, and at its discretion. We ask you to be patient in the days ahead for the sake of your children and the school.

At this time, we can share with you that:

-- upon discovering information about Ms. Ayoub's alleged activities, the Archdiocese terminated Ms. Ayoub from her position and alerted the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, which then began its investigation.

-- staff from the Archdiocese continue to cooperate with the Prosecutor.

-- the Archdiocese has ensured that all regular daily and financial operations of the schools where Ms. Ayoub worked remain active and unaffected. As a result, this school is meeting all regular obligations, and will continue to meet them.

-- through the combination of direct Archdiocesan financial support to schools and other sources of recovery, including insurance coverages and any financial restitution arrangement that may develop as this process continues, your school will not suffer financially from this situation.

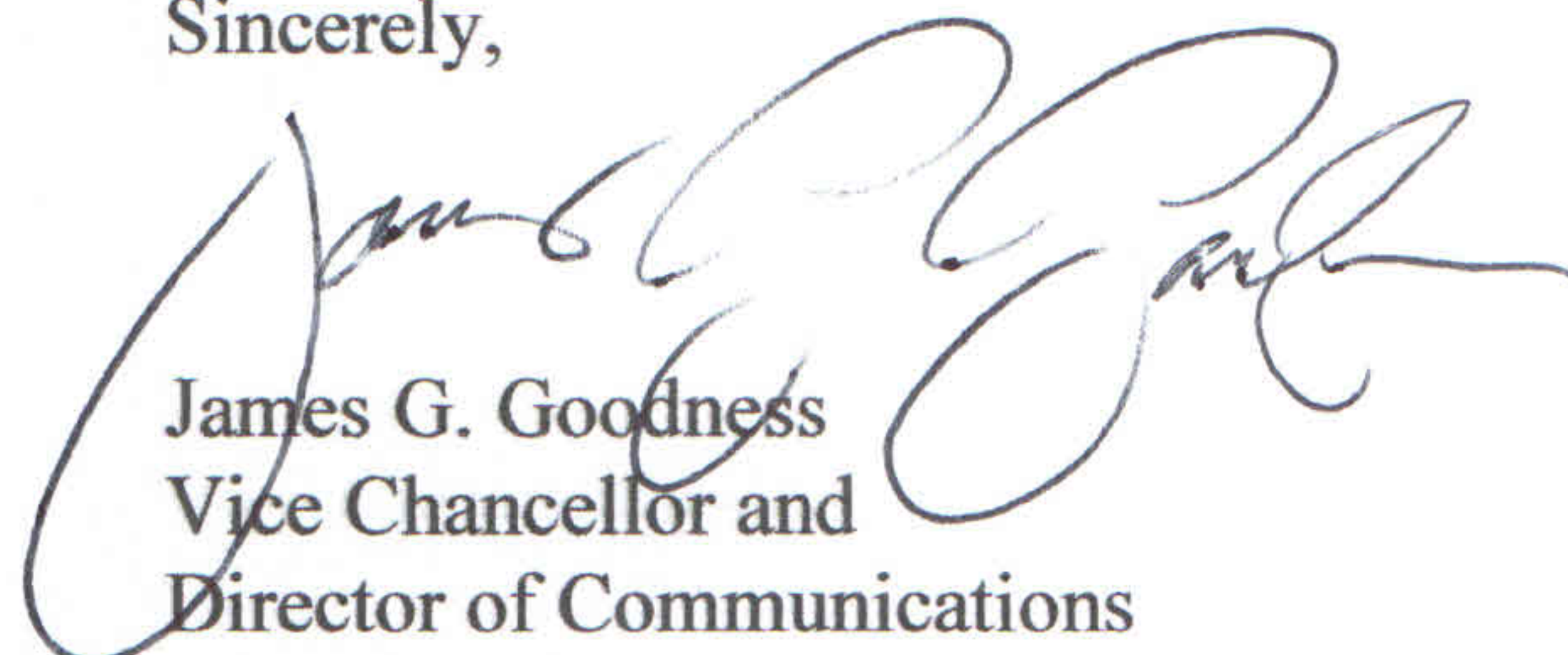
We know that this matter will continue to be in your minds in the days and weeks ahead, but please be assured the Archdiocese is doing everything possible to make sure that this unfortunate event does not affect your school negatively.

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We also recognize that for some of you, the news of the past day or so could place a cloud over what traditionally is a joyous time in the life of your school -- the end of the School Year and the beginning of Summer. We hope it does not, and we encourage everyone in your school community – parents, students, faculty and staff – to concentrate on the events on which every school wants to focus at this time – End-of-School Celebrations and Trips, Finals, Graduation, Summer Vacation and a New School Year in September.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James G. Goodness', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

James G. Goodness  
Vice Chancellor and  
Director of Communications