



August 26, 2010

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community:

I am following up on my letter to you of August 19, 2010 to report that the investigation into the hazing incident, which allegedly occurred on Saturday, August 14 in the St. Paul High School varsity locker room has been completed.

Consistent with the policies and procedures of our School and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, persons involved in the alleged incident were provided an opportunity to speak openly, honestly and confidentially. The Archdiocesan investigators, who are former FBI special agents, assisted us in a review of the matter and interviewed the staff, students and families that were involved. Our investigation concluded that a hazing incident occurred, in violation of the California Education Code 48900 and our school and Archdiocesan policies as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.

As a result of the process, the football coaching staff and team will face disciplinary action. The disciplinary action will not include forfeiture of any football games. Members of the football coaching staff not found culpable of any knowledge of the incident, will be offered coaching agreements for the 2010 football season. They include Marijon Ancich, Visko Ancich, Rich Avina, Lou Cabral, Oliver Cepeida, Rich Estrella, and Anthony Wilson.

I would like to personally thank the parents, teachers, students and administrators who attended our parent meeting on Wednesday, August 25. Your patience and support during the investigation process was deeply appreciated and proved that we are a Swordsmen family that will not be divided.

Again, please know that student safety is my top priority as your principal at St. Paul High School and because of this incident we are reviewing, revising and immediately implementing changes including the assignment of additional supervision tasks for St. Paul staff members.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mrs. Kate Aceves, Principal