

Closings provide teaching moment

My heart is heavy for the children, staff and families impacted by the recent school closings. I can only imagine how difficult this must be, yet it troubles me when disgruntled parents take their frustration out on others, especially the innocent. Instead, as a Catholic parent, I would hope the parents affected use this difficult situation as a “teaching moment.”

This is probably not the first time your child has dealt with disappointment and it certainly will not be the last. Overcoming challenges builds coping skills for the larger challenges they may face as adults. These situations are opportunities to talk about life’s struggles and how to best overcome them. This is an opportunity to guide your child to strengthen their faith not abandon it.

Hold tight to the Bible and call on the Lord to give you strength. Recall Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” This an opportunity for your child to try something new, meet new people and be exposed to things that perhaps their current school could not offer.