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What do you think of closing a Catholic school

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The subtitle for this blog entry is probably: You too can help shape an editorial. See Baltimore Sun and the Closing of Towson Catholic High School.

This editorial-in-the-making is "pre-released" by the newspaper and seeks input and responses to the draft editorial promising that the best comments will appear alongside the editorial. So interactive.

The substance of the draft editorial is not pleasant. First, Towson Catholic High School is closing. Second, the manner in which the decision was made is coming under close scrutiny. One wonders when dioceses will get out of running and managing Catholic schools, as the track record is horrendous. They should hand over these schools to lay people and lay boards with fiduciary responsibility for the health of the school and dioceses can hold onto the religion program vis-a-vis the issue of "Catholicity." This appears to be the route the Brooklyn diocese is taking.

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