



Office for Schools

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Dear Catholic School Parents,

Blessings to you and to your families during this most unique Easter Season. Every one of us is impacted by the measures intended to protect us from COVID-19. Our hearts go out to those families and individuals dealing with the loss of loved ones or facing devastating financial repercussions. It is during times like these that we are called to rely on our faith more than ever. The Resurrection comes at a good time.

None of us could have scripted the events that have unfolded over the past months. Instead of field trips, open houses and spring sports, we have been navigating distance learning with our children. Under the current conditions, our Catholic school communities have stepped up in incredible ways. Our principals and teachers continue to make our children's learning and faith formation a priority. We are grateful to the thousands of parents who are with us in companioning their children on this journey because of their commitment to Catholic education. Our students have risen to the challenge, and they continue to be engaged and on task. Throughout this crisis, our Catholic schools have been a bright light shining as a testament of faith, excellence, and community. I, for one, have never been more proud to be a Catholic than I am today.

While we would all love to return to on-site instruction in May, we are preparing campuses to remain closed through the remainder of the school year. We take this approach with the health and safety of our students and teachers as a primary consideration of paramount importance. If, however, our public health officials deem it safe to return sooner, we will certainly adjust our course. Our continuing efforts to implement distance learning are based on a profound commitment to ensure that your children are enabled to achieve academically and to grow in their faith. Additionally, our offices will assist our schools as necessary in meaningful (albeit, creative) ways to honor our students in their ceremonial end-of-year events. I promise to keep you updated as these conditions are subject to change.

While we do not know what the future holds, we can find comfort in knowing that we do not walk alone. Like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, may we open our hearts to Christ in our midst and celebrate the risen Lord!

In Mission,



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