



MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests; All Principals; All Schools

From: Father Robert Hughes, V.G.

Date: April 16, 2020

RE: **COVID-19 – Continued Closure of Catholic Schools**

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, Bishop Sullivan issued a statement temporarily closing all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Camden effective Monday, March 16, 2020. In his statement the Bishop noted that the schools likely would be closed for a minimum of two weeks.

Given the current situation and Governor Murphy's extension of the schools' closure, Bishop Sullivan is extending the closure of all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Camden until at least May 15, 2020.

Diocesan and Catholic Schools staff will continue to monitor the situation closely in order to determine when it will be appropriate to re-open our schools.

Students and families are encouraged to follow the directives from the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services as we continue to work together for the common good, to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and prevent further infection.

Bishop is well aware that the continued closure of our schools places an enormous burden on parents and will be challenging for families. He is proud of the good and creative work being done by principals and faculty as they support their students and the parents who have become home instructors.

Please continue your prayers for the health of our students, their families, our dedicated teachers, administrators and staff members, and for all people as together we face the deepening effects of this worldwide pandemic.