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OFFICE OF THE
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OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

As indicated in previous communications, our schools have been preparing for the possibility of a prolonged closure of schools to prevent the continued spread of COVID-19. While we have, at this time, no information that anyone in our schools has tested positive for the virus, the possibility that they will come in contact with someone with the virus increases daily.

As such, **All diocesan/diocesan sponsored Catholic elementary and high schools will close for students effective tomorrow, March 13th** and will tentatively reopen on March 30th. Schools will begin implementing their distance learning instructional plan on Monday, March 16th.

Please note the following:

- Teachers and staff will report based on the directives of their school administration
- All school activities and trips are cancelled until further notice
- Parents will receive information directly from the school as to how instruction will be provided
- While we tentatively plan to reopen on March 30th, we will continue to monitor the situation with local and state health officials in order to reassess and determine our next steps
- Saint Catherine Academy and the Adult Day Program at Saint Catherine Center will remain open. Any change to that status will be communicated to families directly from Saint Catherine Center. Questions regarding their status should be directed to Helen Burland at 203-540-5381 or info@stcatherineacademy.org

Let us continue to pray for all those whose lives have been touched by this or any other illness as we ask God's blessing on our school community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven F. Cheeseman
Superintendent of Schools

