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Dear Parents –

I am writing to update you on the status of the Diocesan Parochial League and the upcoming winter and spring season.

We have been working throughout the fall with the high schools and local medical experts to determine what sports we can offer safely in order to continue to serve our students and schools. Within the diocese, we see the ability to offer sports as a co-curricular activity that helps with the formation of our students and families.

The pandemic has led to a number of changes that will limit our ability to offer certain sports this school year. We are currently collecting feedback from our schools and parishes, reviewing the learnings from our high school sports offerings this fall, and meeting with our principals to review protocols and needs for the remainder of the school year. Based on the protocols that we have been using, we know that sports that are primarily outdoors and can maintain social distancing are those that are safest, and we are putting most of our energy into developing future protocols that will allow those offerings.

We are also developing protocols for sports that feature shared equipment or must be played indoors. There are several challenges these sports create that could detract from our primary mission of keeping students and teachers in person on our campuses, as well as physical location concerns. Many of our parishes have co-opted school gyms in order to provide overflow seating for masses or other activities. These realities will make it difficult to offer indoor contact sports, including basketball, and we do not currently anticipate those sports being offered.

I will be formally presenting plans to the principals of the elementary schools in the coming weeks, and we will update you when a final plan is ready. Decisions will be made in order to prioritize the ability to maintain in school learning and avoid quarantines, avoid complex and costly safety and protective upgrades, and finally to maximize physical activity benefits at the discretion of our schools.

We plan to give further updates before Thanksgiving, and we are thankful for your patience at this time.

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