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Dear Catholic School Families:

May God's peace be with you. The principals and administrators of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese met on Friday, March 27th to finalize our plan for continuity of instruction during this time of remote learning. In addition to our scheduled spring break, from April 20, 2020 – April 24, 2020, we have made a few calendar adjustments to provide additional support to the teachers, who are working diligently to provide an excellent learning experience in our given circumstances. At this point, remote learning will continue until May 4, 2020.

Our school schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

Monday, March 30th – Thursday, April 2nd: Remote learning

Friday, April 3rd: No school – Teachers in grades PK-8 will be collaborating with one another to share effective ideas and resources.

Monday, April 6th – Thursday, April 9th: Remote learning

Friday, April 10th: No school – Good Friday

Monday, April 13th: No school – Easter Monday (Teachers will be collaborating with one another and receiving targeted professional development.)

Tuesday, April 14th – Friday, April 17th: Remote learning

Monday, April 20th – Friday, April 24th: No school – Spring Break

As a community of faith, please continue in praying our nine-day Novena to Our Lady for healing, support for the suffering, and an end to the pandemic.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

May the Lord bless and keep us all in His tender loving care through this difficult time.

In Christ through Mary,

Pax Christi,

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