Department of Catholic Schools Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Diocese of San Jose Catholic School Families,

The events of the last several days have been unprecedented, and I am grateful for the understanding and trust that you have granted us as we take every precaution to keep your family safe.

Now more than ever, it has become apparent that what separates Catholic education from all other schools is a deep commitment to community. I am profoundly grateful for and humbled by the incredible efforts of our principals and teachers to ensure that every child and family feels safe, supported, and connected with one another. Their dedication and collaboration are a beautiful testament to the love and unity of our ministry.

I would also like to extend my deepest appreciation to each of you. None of this is possible without your partnership and support. As we navigate this new context, please continue to share your feedback so that we can work to understand and support the needs of each family. It is a privilege and a blessing to be walking this journey with you.

With the rapidly evolving guidance of the state and local health departments, many families have asked for clarity regarding the length of campus closure. Based on the most recent guidelines, all Diocesan schools will continue distance learning through April 9, followed by the already scheduled Easter break. Our earliest possible return-to-campus date will be April 20. However, as the Governor has shared, we anticipate that this date may need to be extended. I will continue to provide updates as they become available. Please know that regardless of our physical location, all of our schools are committed to supporting your child's continued growth and well-being.

These are challenging times with many unknowns, but we can always find strength and peace in God's saving grace. I encourage you to lean on one another and lean on us as we face each new day together. I am lifting each one of you in prayer.

Yours in Christ.

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