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Dear Catholic School Families,

I wanted to reach out and thank all of you for your continued collaboration and prayers as we weather the current global crisis. Catholic schools are designed to inform, form, and transform students, in partnership with parents, into people who live for others in light of our faith. Our schools are persevering to provide rigorous academics and education that serves the whole child and builds a thoughtful community that practices care and concern for others.

In this current crisis, the true meaning of care and concern for others is ever present with us. It is more critical than ever for us to come together as a community through this unprecedented time as we face new realities. The Department of Catholic Schools is committed to ensuring the continuity of quality education for our students. Our schools will remain operational, only in a different format than we are used to. Already, before spring break, our teachers were reaching out to students virtually and digitally. Principals and teachers are committed to continuing quality distance learning as the governor has released the mandate to “Stay Home, Save Lives”.

We are committed to supporting our administrators and staff, who are stepping up quickly to the transition, demonstrating flexibility and adaptability to ensure success. We will utilize this dynamic, unanticipated shift to our advantage: to learn and teach new skills in technology, collaboration, co-operation, and flexibility. Schools will absorb any unanticipated additional operational expenses incurred this school year resulting from the necessary adjustments.

To support this our schools will continue to incur operational expense and will expect to incur additional unexpected expenses. Teachers will continue to work and receive their salaries to ensure uninterrupted education for our students. Continuity of tuition payments is essential in covering these expenses and keeping our schools operational. We know that some families will find themselves in financially difficult situations. We are praying that the federal economic stimulus package will help many of us. If you have specific questions or concerns, speak with your principal or contact the Department of Catholic Schools.

Our teachers and administrators have truly risen to the occasion to continue to serve students academically and spiritually during this time of crisis. May we all draw on the strength and wisdom of our faith to remain steadfast in our collaboration and support of one another.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts!

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