



THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

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April 21, 2020

Dear Catholic School Families,

Following the Governor's announcement about the delayed reopening of schools throughout the State of Ohio, the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Columbus will continue with distance learning through the scheduled end of this academic year.

While this is certainly not the way I thought that the 2019-2020 school year would end, it is the right action to take to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all of our students, staff, and families in this time of crisis. Each school will inform families about procedures for the end of the school year, including information about dates, grading, and materials.

At this time, it is too early to tell what summer programs will be offered or what those might look like. It is also too early to know what will happen this Fall. I can assure you that planning is underway for all possibilities. A task force made up of healthcare professionals, principals, and Office of Catholic Schools staff members has been formed and will be working to develop re-opening plans, taking into consideration all educational, medical, and safety needs.

I would also like to acknowledge the impact that this news has on our graduating class of 2020. I realize that this is a disappointing way to end senior year, but our high schools will do everything possible to make your graduation memorable and to honor your time in our Catholic schools.

I again ask for your prayers for those who have been impacted by this terrible pandemic; those who may become infected, especially those at most risk; and for the dedication and skill of all of our health professionals working to keep us safe. It is my prayer that we will soon be able to re-unite in person as school families and as a Catholic community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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