

Office of Catholic Schools

Diocese of San Bernardino



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Dear Catholic School Families,

I'm writing to you regarding the current status of our Catholic schools in the Diocese of San Bernardino. In consultation with the Office of the Bishop and in response to the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, our students will not be able to return to school campuses before the end of the school year. The need for safety through social distancing warrants that we continue to keep our school campuses closed to students during this pandemic.

Our Catholic schools have been in session through Distance Learning since March 16. I'd like to take this opportunity to applaud our Principals and teachers who are doing their best to utilize all resources made available to educate students, as well as, to complete the academic year including promotion and graduation. Our schools will observe the Easter Holiday as scheduled.

We will remain abreast of notifications from public health authorities, and we will update you regarding changes impacting our schools, as our authorities adjust suggestions in response to COVID-19. We look forward to being back on campus as soon as the public health and government authorities tell us that it is safe to do so.

Please contact your principal if additional assistance is needed in any way. We know that we are dealing with an unforeseen health crisis that challenges us in many ways. We must rise to meet this challenge, we are stronger together, and if we work together, we can protect and provide the educational opportunities our students desire and need in these times.

I want to assure all of you that you remain in my prayers and that of your school team. We are as close as your phone or email, and want to make sure we work with you, to protect the Catholic school opportunity for your child. Together, we pray and ask our Lord to help us find a way and pray in confidence that he blesses the future of our students.

For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you,

plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Peace and Blessings,

Dr. Samuel Torres

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