## Office of Catholic Schools Diocese of San Bernardino



**DR. SAMUEL TORRES** Superintendent

MARIBEL ARGUELLES-ORTIZ, M. A. Ed Associate Superintendent

**DR. AUSTIN CONLEY III** Director of Advancement February 25, 2021

Catholic School community,

With anticipation we announce that our Catholic elementary schools in Riverside County are now eligible to reopen. Our schools are working in collaboration with the Riverside Department of Public Health and awaiting approval to reopen from Dr. Kaiser. Each principal will communicate their reopening date once all documents have been approved by the Riverside Department of Public Health.

At this time, approval has been granted to Sacred Heart Palm Desert and the school will reopen on Monday, March 1, 2021. Mr. Bruzzio has been in communication with his school community and will continue to do so as we adapt to this reopening transition.

The principals, faculty and staff are anxiously awaiting the reunion of students to a well-prepared safe campus. We also understand that some families may not feel comfortable sending their children back into the school environment. We encourage you to contact your principal and have that conversation. It is our aim to support this transition in the best interest of our students to streamline the flow of learning. Each school is uniquely prepared to continue offering a version of Catholic Online Synchronous Learning (COSL) in addition to the on campus learning environment.

We will promptly announce the reopening of grades 7-12 when the metrics (adjusted CR <7/100,000) are met for each county for 5 consecutive days. Our intentions have always been directed towards the safety and quality of the educational experience in our schools. Moving forward together, we ask that you support your school communities by adhering to the guidelines in your daily routines so that we can serve our children and fulfill the mission of Catholic Schools for their generation.

Peace and Blessings,

Dr. Jamuel Starres

Dr. Samuel Torres Superintendent of Catholic Schools



1201 East Highland Avenue, San Bernardino, California 92404
Telephone (909) 475-5337
Email: catholicschools@sbdiocese.org