



*Diocese of Corpus Christi
Office of Catholic Schools*

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Dear Catholic School Families,

Your children are our greatest gifts. Children and youth, near and far, have been removed from their school communities due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We are in unprecedented times marked with uncertainty and fear. Through this, our most important goal is to provide all of our children/youth an exceptional Catholic education.

Governor Abbott has recently ordered all schools closed until May 4, 2020. This is distressing news as our students and teachers yearn to return to Christ-centered classrooms and communities where faith, knowledge and service are our way of life. While the news of continued temporary school closures presents significant challenges, we must keep the children/youth, entrusted to our care, safe. We must protect our faculty/staff members, school administrators, and school/parish communities. Finally, we are called to do our part and to “flatten” this virus from spreading and impacting our region, state, country and our world.

During this time our teachers and administrators are diligently working to provide high quality and rigorous learning opportunities for each child. Our delivery of instruction includes online and offline learning that challenges the mind and stimulates creativity. Our ultimate goal is to maximize student learning without interruption despite the COVID-19 outbreak. This strong desire and commitment ensure that students are developing in mind, body and spirit. We are centered on equipping our students with compassion, informed decision making, creative problem solving, adaptability and resiliency to navigate through this unpredictable world. These are life skills so necessary for developmental growth and success.

Thank you for the privilege to serve your children—our future leaders of our world and our Church. We appreciate your continued support as we navigate this road that we have never traveled.

Please join me in prayer for all those impacted by the Coronavirus and especially for all our students, Catholic school faculty/staff members, school leaders, and school/parish communities. We pray for our Lord’s blessings of courage, strength, wisdom, compassion and grace.

Sincerely Yours in Catholic Education,

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