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Office of Catholic Schools*

TO: Catholic School Parents and Guardians

FROM: Dr. Rosemary J. Henry, *Superintendent of Catholic Schools*

SUBJECT: Continued School Closures for 2019-2020 School Year

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Your children are our greatest blessings. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, children and youth, near and far, have transitioned from their school communities to home-based learning and instruction. We are in unprecedented times marked with uncertainty and fear. Our most important goal is to provide all of our children and youth an exceptional Catholic education where students are formed mind, body and spirit.

Today Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order that all Texas schools remain closed for the duration of the 2019-2020 school year. This is distressing news as our students and teachers yearn to return to Christ-centered classrooms and communities of faith, where knowledge and service are a way of life. While the decision of continued temporary closure presents significant challenges, we must ensure the safety of faculty, staff and the students entrusted to our care. In support of our region, state, country and world, we must do our part to reduce the potential impact of the COVID-19.

As a Catholic school system, our principals and teachers remain dedicated to delivering an exceptional Catholic education for every student, at every grade level, with rigorous distance learning to prepare children for the new school year and future successes. We are centered on equipping our students with compassion, informed decision making, creative problem solving, adaptability, and resilience 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, beacons of hope for our world and our Church. Together, we will persevere as we navigate this road we have never traveled. We are inspired by HIS love and fortified by HIS courage. These gifts catapult us to a bright future.

Sincerely Yours in Catholic Education,

Dr. Rosemary J. Henry  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools