



Office for Schools

March 13, 2020

Dear Catholic School Families,

This has been a trying time for all of us as we confront coronavirus/COVID-19. The rapidly evolving news stories surrounding this pandemic have undoubtedly caused you great concern. Even as we make preparations for a future unknown, we pray that our decisions will protect the children we serve.

With the information available to us and out of deep concern for you, our families, **the Diocese of San Diego is calling for a closure of all its Catholic schools, including preschools, beginning Monday, March 16, 2020.** Our timeline going forward will be informed by the Center for Disease Control & Prevention, the County Office of Education, and San Diego Health & Human Services Agency.

It is important for you to know that our schools have been working over the past weeks to prepare for such an event. To keep our students engaged, learning, and in community with each other during a trying time, we have prepared and provided our schools *distance learning* resources. Principals will be communicating specifics about the implementation plan for your school.

There are obviously many factors to consider here. There will be economic, social and educational impacts that we can anticipate, and others that we can't yet foresee. Equally important, making the right choice by way of prevention in this instance may preserve lives.

Please know that the safety and well-being of your children remains our top priority. We will continue to share updates with you as this situation evolves.

May Christ continue to bless you and your family.

In Mission,

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Dear Parent / Guardian:

Out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with local public health, the Diocese of San Diego has ordered all schools to close in order to curb the potential transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Beginning Monday, March 16, Holy Trinity School will be closed until further notice from the diocese.

We understand this action may pose added hardship for some of our families. Please know it is in the best interest for all that we comply with this order for the safety and wellness of our school community.

While your student remains home, we encourage you to continue practicing good hygiene, which includes:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get vaccinated for the flu if you have not already done so.

If you feel for any reason your child may have or has been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your doctor immediately. Virus symptoms can range from mild to severe and could include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in a few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

The Diocese of San Diego Office for Schools is in the process of determining what options we have for our students to continue learning while the school is closed. In order to facilitate *distance learning* at Holy Trinity School, Google Classroom has been created for each grade. Please check email, our social media accounts, and the website for updates. Administration and faculty will be accessible for communication via email Monday-Friday from 8am-3pm.

We will remain in close contact with the San Diego County Office of Education and local public health officials throughout the duration of this closure and will provide updates to families as appropriate.

We encourage you to stay informed of the situation by regularly checking updates from San Diego County Public Health Services https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/plhs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV.html and the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

We understand this is a time of uncertainty and concern. We will work through this together to keep our students, families, and staff safe.

If you have health-related questions, please contact your physician. If you have questions about our school, please contact me. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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