



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS

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Dear Parents,

I understand that prompt and consistent communication to you is essential at this time. This morning, Bishop David Talley, Father Robert Marshall, Vicar General, Dr. Colleen Butterick, Diocesan Director of Counseling and principals of our diocesan, parish and private Catholic schools convened to determine the next steps in this process.

The decision was made to educate our students distantly through Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Although our teaching strategies may look differently, our schools are still in session. In observance of our Catholic faith and understanding the importance of Holy Week, our schools will not be in session on Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020 and Good Friday, April 10, 2020.

It is our hope that we will return to our campuses on Monday, April 13, 2020. However, due to the fluidity of this situation, we will communicate necessary changes.

Our dedicated teachers and administrators are committed to maximizing the spiritual, emotional, physical and academic formation of all our students for a successful completion of this school year.

I ask that you join with all of us in praying to our Lord to grant us guidance and grace as we navigate these uncharted waters. Schools included in this are: Holy Rosary, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Incarnation, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Ann, St. Benedict, St. Francis, St. Louis, St. Paul and St. Mary's Jackson, TN.

St. Joseph, Protector of Families, pray for us,

Mrs. Janet M. Donato
Superintendent of Catholic Schools