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*Department of Catholic Education*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our prayers are with you and your families as we work together to respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This past week has been a learning experience for all of us. Our administrators and faculty are working to deliver a new learning platform to meet the needs of your children. The students represent the new pioneers of 2020 in this unique learning environment. With understanding, support and a gentle spirit, we work together in this unprecedented time.

To mitigate further spread of the virus, **the closure of all schools and religious education classes in the Diocese of Trenton has been extended through April 17, 2020.**

Extracurricular activities, athletic practices and competitions, class trips, and community gatherings are cancelled or postponed until further notice. Events scheduled for later this year will be evaluated based on the most current information available.

Our schools are following emergency pandemic plans that have been developed. Our administrators and faculty have been working to provide for the continuity of instruction in the event of a prolonged closure. The responsiveness of administrators and teachers to the needs of your child(ren) underscores their dedication, compassion, commitment and professionalism. With short notice, they have opened new avenues in learning to deliver instruction. Please stay current with communication posted on your school's website or received via the school's emergency contact procedure. Please contact your school's principal and teachers with specific questions or concerns.

Monitoring of this evolving situation of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its potential impact for our school communities will continue. Updated guidance will be provided to school administrators as the need arises.

Thank you for praying as a family for all those affected and for those who work diligently to combat this disease.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Tier  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools