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Message from the Superintendent of Catholic Schools

As we all adjust to the unprecedented circumstances involving COVID-19 and the need for social distancing, our Catholic school communities remain committed to providing outstanding academic education, faith formation and support for our students and their families.

Our administrators have been closely monitoring the recommendations from our local health agencies, state health department, Center for Disease Control, Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops' Education Department (TCCB-ED), and the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

The schools' administrators met together via video conference to plan and collaborate for the most effective ways to support our families. Following recommendations, we will extend Spring Break through next Wednesday, March 25. Monday, March 23 - Wednesday, March 25 will be a time of in-service for our schools' faculty and staff, preparing to transition to a distance learning platform for our students beginning March 26 – April 3rd. This is a very fluid situation. If adjustments in this plan are necessary, we will communicate with you as soon as possible.

Your local Catholic school will have specific information for you regarding e-learning or remote learning procedures and will communicate with you soon.

The health and safety of our students, families, and school staff are of top importance to us, especially when it comes to the most vulnerable members of our communities. It is our hope that, in responding to the guidance of the global public health community to be proactive in initiating closures, the spread of COVID-19 will be limited and the effects of the illness will be mitigated.

In the Catholic tradition, we identify the family as the domestic church. It is in the family that parents and grandparents hand on the faith to their children. I encourage you, as family, to use this time to come together in prayer. My prayer is that during this time of adversity, our families will grow stronger together, and focus on what is most important – their relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other.

God bless each of you!

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