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Dear Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

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I'm writing to you once again to communicate changes to our plans for our Catholic school students.

In keeping with the directives and guidelines from our government and public health authorities, **Bishop Gregory Parkes has directed that all Catholic School and Early Childhood centers will be closed to students through May 1, 2020. The schedule of days follows:**

March 30 – May 1, 2020– Virtual/Online school days; however, **Good Friday, April 10 there is no school.**

Currently, there is no guidance beyond May 1, 2020. We will communicate changes as soon as possible. However, because we immediately converted to online learning and switched our Easter vacation days, we are on target to complete our required days on time.

As parents, you are likely seeing excitement with virtual/online learning as well as trepidation and many bumps along the road. This whole shift is a new reality for teachers and children, and they will all adjust differently. Our teachers are attempting to find the right balance to provide rigor without leaving anyone behind.

In our homes, all of us are assessing our family and work situations each day and trying to figure out how best to move forward in very uncertain times. As parents, we're required to be strong for our children even though none of us have lived through anything like this ourselves. It's important to remember that our children are coping with the constant barrage of news coupled with the lifestyle changes we've all had to make. It's a scary time, particularly for children. Let's remember that in addition to a new way of learning they also have all the regular difficulties, challenges, and worries associated with childhood and adolescence.

In times like these, our faith is what will sustain and guide us. It's important that we pray together and for one another. As always, please be assured of my prayers and those of my many colleagues in our Catholic schools.

Sincerely in Christ,

Christopher L. Pastura

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