



Office of Catholic Schools

## Diocese of Las Vegas COVID-19 Update

March 15, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, for the past several days the Office of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Las Vegas has monitored and prepared for the anticipated closure of our schools. On a daily basis we have been meeting and discussing these rapidly unfolding events and made the decision that all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Las Vegas will be closed effective tomorrow, March 16<sup>th</sup>. As it turned out, this decision was in line with Governor Sisolak's update on the State's response which included the closing of all K-12 schools in Nevada beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing through April 6<sup>th</sup>. The specific timeline for all Diocesan Catholic Schools going forward will be determined by the State Chief Medical Office, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and the Southern Nevada Health District.

This has been a trying time for all of us as we confront Coronavirus/COVID-19. The quickly evolving news surrounding this pandemic has undoubtedly caused some concern. It is important for you to know that our schools will continue the work we have begun in order to prepare for such an event. To keep our students engaged, learning, and in community with each other during a trying time, we will continue to provide our schools with Distance Learning resources. Distance Learning will permit our schools to move forward with curriculum, instruction, and assessment for the duration of the school closures. Principals will be communicating specifics about your school's plan for Distance Learning over the next several days. There are obviously many factors to be considered as we continue our planning and implementation. Presently, we are waiting to hear from the State Superintendent of Public Schools on several issues and we will continue to keep everyone advised as information becomes available.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, patience, and understanding at this time. Please know that the safety and well-being of your children remains our top priority.

May Christ continue to bless you and your families,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Thompson".

Catherine Thompson  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools  
Diocese of Las Vegas