



Archdiocese of Newark

Office of Catholic Schools



March 12, 2020

Dear Presidents, Principals and Pastors,

After carefully considering the current situation with the Coronavirus-COVID 19 and listening to growing concerns within our school communities, the decision has been made to temporarily close schools in the Archdiocese of Newark effective Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 20th. The situation will be re-assessed next week to determine if this closure should be extended. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution, with the health and safety of our students, staff and families being at the center of our decision-making. We know that taking this action will cause some disruption for families, but believe that it decreases the risk to the whole community.

You and your teachers and staff have been preparing for the continuation of learning in the event that a closure of this nature became necessary. It is important that you communicate your plan to parents and make sure that students take home any materials they will need during this closure. Teachers and staff should be permitted access to the building during set hours to manage various aspects of your remote learning plan.

The Schools Office staff thanks you for your leadership of your school community during these challenging times. Let us pray for one another as we navigate the days ahead.

Please see the archdiocesan website (www.rcan.org) for ongoing updates.

Sincerely,

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