



April 3, 2020

Dear Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

The decision has been made that all Catholic school sites in the Diocese of Fresno will remain closed for the remainder of the current school year. Distant learning will continue in all 21 schools until the last instructional day in May. I realize that our seniors and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are deeply disappointed that the traditional graduation ceremonies and privileges will not be occurring this spring. However, each school is eager to plan a celebration, hopefully in early summer, that will honor the accomplishments of these talented graduates.

During this extended period of social distancing, it is my hope that your family is being spiritually fed by participating in Masses offered virtually by the Pastors and the many wonderful religion and theology lessons offered by our teachers. Times of challenge and struggle are often the clearest reminders that God is with us and that we will not be abandoned. We are frightened now but the promise of the Resurrection assures us that we will rise again.

Let us continue to pray for all who are ill and for the brave and faithful essential workers who serve selflessly every day.

May God bless your families,

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