



DIOCESE *of* SACRAMENTO  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

November 15, 2018

**Re.: Closure of Catholic Schools on Friday, November 16, 2018**

Dear Catholic School Community:

Due to worsening air quality, we have decided to close all schools of the Diocese of Sacramento south of Red Bluff for the day on Friday, November 16, 2018.

Since the eruption of the Camp Fire in Paradise, we have closely monitored the Air Quality Index (AQI) on [www.sparetheair.com](http://www.sparetheair.com) and other regional air authority sites. In the past days, we have closed several schools due to local conditions exceeding levels considered safe. Today, the air quality worsened significantly across the region, far beyond levels predicted yesterday, and all indications are that the AQI will remain high tomorrow.

As such, we have made the decision to close all schools of the Diocese of Sacramento for the day this Friday, November 16, with the exception of our Red Bluff and Redding schools.

We will continue to communicate with you as the situation evolves. We appreciate the extra burden this places upon families, and we assure you that we have made this decision deliberately and with the best interest of the children, our faculty and staff, and the entire school community in mind.

Please continue to keep the victims of the Camp Fire in your prayers.

St. Barbara, pray for us! St. Medard, pray for us!

Peace,

Lincoln Snyder  
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The Diocese of Sacramento