



DIOCESE *of* SACRAMENTO  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

April 8, 2020

**SUBJECT: Distance learning extended through end of school year for all schools**

Dear Parents:

As a family that is also learning to cope with jobs and stay-at-home children, my wife Aga and I understand first hand what many of you are going through and the disruption this has caused in your lives. I also want to say how inspired I am by how you've responded and the positive feedback we have received from many of you about your family's experience with distance learning.

Public health authorities throughout the diocese report that the social distancing and lockdown steps they've ordered are working and that we are "bending the curve" in a way that will reduce the number of COVID-19 cases in our community, and thus the number of people that could die.

On the other hand, because we have succeeded in bending the curve, that also means that the length of time we need to continue practicing some form of lockdown and social distancing goes up.

I have been in direct contact with county public health authorities throughout the diocese, and on their best advice, we are extending our distance learning programs to the end of the current school year. School campuses will not reopen, but if conditions allow, and it is approved by public health authorities, we will consider some form of public graduation ceremonies this summer for graduating Seniors and 8th Graders.

Our distance learning program will continue to provide full-credit academic instruction through the end of the school year. I am grateful for and humbled by the tremendous efforts you and our teachers have put into making distance learning a success for our students.

Thank you for your commitment to Catholic schools.

St. Patrick, pray for us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Peace,

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