



OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

March 13, 2020

Dear Austin Prep Parents and Students,

A short time ago, the Archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Seán O'Malley, closed Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the Archdiocese through Friday, March 27, 2020. To that end, all classes, athletics, and extracurricular activities at Austin Prep will be cancelled until that time. The Cardinal also indicated that the time period of closure could be extended depending on circumstances.

As originally planned, the faculty and staff will be on campus on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 so that we can prepare a framework for remote teaching and learning. We will release a school-wide communication with additional details by Tuesday afternoon.

These are challenging, unprecedented times and the leadership of Austin Prep will continue to make mission-aligned decisions that keeps our community safe. I'm grateful to you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we navigate these uncharted waters.

"Bad times, good times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: such as we are, such are the times." ~St. Augustine, *Sermons*

Sincerely,

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Headmaster