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Dear Parents, Faculty, and Staff Members,

I pray that this latest letter finds you well. As you know, Governor Ralph Northam declared that all K-12 schools in the Commonwealth of VA be closed for a minimum of two weeks and those closures are in effect through March 27, 2020. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and we are all doing our best navigating these times together.

I am very proud of how well our administrators, faculty, staff, student, and parents have embraced our efforts to ensure that students maintain continuity of learning during this time. While this looks a little different at every school and at each grade level, there are great things happening in our schools without actually being in our schools.

We are continuously monitoring updates from all national and local agencies to make sure that we are doing all that we can for the safety and well-being for all in our community. Some city and county public school districts have announced extended school closures beyond the Governor's two-week mandate. Our schools will continue to follow the closures guidelines of the school district in which our schools are physically located. Any extended closures will be announced to you directly from the school.

I realize that this mandated closure has been an inconvenience and a hardship for our families. Our faculty and staff are continuing to work and provide instruction to your students, as well as the overall operations of the school. We are committed to ensuring our faculty/staff members are supported during this period and we will continue their normal compensation at this time. Your tuition payments go toward paying their income and benefits, cleaning and maintenance of the school, and all other essential items necessary for operational expenses. If you are facing loss of income due to COVID-19 closures, please contact the Principal or business office at your school to discuss possible alternate arrangements.

I look forward to the day our students will return to their classrooms but until then, I thank you for your patience, the support of your school, and for believing in Catholic education. We are blessed that we can call upon our faith to help see us through these difficult times.

Yours in Christ,

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