



March 25, 2020

Dear Archdiocese of San Francisco families,

On March 10, the Archdiocese of San Francisco's Department of Catholic Schools made the difficult decision to close all Archdiocesan schools through March 25, 2020. On Monday, March 16, six counties in the Bay Area, including San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin, ordered a mandatory shelter-in-place. Due to this new order, the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be extending our school closure through April 17, 2020.

This revised schedule will include course content continuing to be delivered utilizing the Archdiocesan distance learning protocol through Wednesday, April 8, or Thursday, April 9, depending on your school's regularly scheduled Easter Break. Easter Break will continue through April 17, 2020. On April 20, classes will resume. At this time, it is unclear if we will be able to resume classes in our school buildings on April 20, or if we will have to continue instruction through distance learning. This will depend on the mandates and advice from state and local health officials, the CDC, Federal government agencies, and the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

The Department of Catholic Schools is working closely with principals to ensure that schools are prepared to maintain learning during closure by providing resources for online and distance learning. As schools provide distance-based learning, school staff continue to work daily to ensure your students are receiving the best instruction.

As we proceed, we are aware that there continue to be many concerns around COVID-19 and want to ensure families that we are working closely with the health departments for our three counties for updates and guidance. For the latest information on COVID-19, families are encouraged to visit our ASF webpage, their local county health department webpage dedicated to COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus), and the CDC homepage.

I ask that you continue to pray, especially for the sick, health care providers, public health officials, and all community leaders during this unprecedented time. You are in my prayers daily.

For updates regarding this closure, please visit the Catholic Schools section of the Archdiocese of San Francisco website at <https://schools.sfarch.org/>.

Yours in Christ,

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