



**HEALTH & SAFETY – COVID-19 UPDATE**  
**April 8, 2020**

Dear Cardinal Newman High School Parents, Guardians and Students,

This week is Holy Week, an important week for our Church and school community. While we have not been able to be physically present on campus to pray together, we want you to know that there are many opportunities for families to join together with the Cardinal Newman community by participating in prayer, worship and reflection. You can access resources and ideas under the [Heart Speaks to Heart: Campus Ministry Newsletter](#) on the school's website and on the COVID-19 webpage.

It is hard to believe that we have completed the fourth week of Distance Learning at Cardinal Newman! Now, we have the wonderful opportunity for us all to take a breath, and enjoy a well-deserved break as we celebrate Easter with our families. Our Easter Break will commence Thursday, April 9 through Sunday, April 19. We will enthusiastically resume school and continue the Online Distance Learning program on Monday, April 20.

We want to remind you that under the direction of the Diocese of Santa Rosa Catholic Schools Department, we expect that the Cardinal Newman High School campus will remain closed through the end of the school year.

Given these directives, we write this week's message with great concern, care and love for our Seniors and their families. Cardinal Newman is proud of the Class of 2020 and looks forward to celebrating their accomplishments. We are also determining that the in person Graduation scheduled for May 30 will likely be postponed to a later date. Please know that we are committed to honoring the accomplishments of the Class of 2020. We are working on different scenarios about how to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2020. More information about graduation activities will follow as we finalize plans after Easter break.

There are other end-of-the-year May events for all of our students and families that will need to be re-imagined. We are also working on contingency plans and as we gather information and determine next steps we will share that information and any necessary changes after Easter break.

Our Lenten Journey has been one of great sacrifice. We pray that you and your family find continued strength, light and an openness to Christ's unending love during this Easter season.

Most Sincerely,

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