



DIOCESE OF STOCKTON

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Catholic School Community:

We pray that this finds you and yours healthy and coping well with the rapidly changing landscape of our day to day lives. We understand our students, families, educators and the greater community are still coming to terms with all that has been happening in the past few weeks, days and even hours. Rest assured that our schools remain faithful to our academic standards and the safety and well-being of our students, parents, and staff. We believe that home-based learning will provide a comforting sense of normalcy to the thousands of students we will continue to educate as we navigate these days of uncertainty together.

Based on the current information from health officials, we will extend the closure of our campuses and continue the use of remote learning to a date yet to be determined. All schools will observe their Easter break as scheduled.

We fully understand that this extension may raise questions about all the events that typically occur during this spring semester, e.g., graduation, baccalaureate, proms, etc. We will continue to monitor the situation and update you as soon as possible. Rest assured that your students' best interest is of paramount concern. This chapter in our lives will be a lesson of perseverance, adaptability, compassion and faith.

Please continue to keep all who are affected by this illness in your prayers and remain prayerfully hopeful of the work done to alleviate and eradicate this virus.

In the Peace of Christ,

Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta
Bishop of Stockton

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