

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Since 1864, the personal health, well-being, and development of children have been the primary concerns of Catholic Schools in Maine. Decisions regarding our school communities are guided by this focus, including the current situation regarding COVID-19 that continues to evolve globally.

After discussions with health care officials and the Maine Department of Education, I have made the decision to temporarily close St. John's Catholic School, effective March 16, 2020 and continuing through March 27, 2020. As parents and guardians, you will soon hear from your principal regarding the distance-learning procedures that have been established for your children. I am very grateful for the proactive efforts of our school administrators to have these materials and plans already in place.

It is our hope that this closure will not last long, but this depends on the circumstances and advice from the state and the Maine CDC. For now, we will reassess the situation the week of March 22.

The Office of Maine Catholic Schools is committed to providing your children with an academic and spiritual experience that will help shape them as lifelong learners and confident contributors in society. Working with you to educate them on how to face difficulties and overcome challenges in life is a key part of that mission.

We thank you for your understanding and your continuing commitment to the beauty of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Marianne Pelletier

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