



## MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests; All Principals; All Schools  
From: Father Robert Hughes, V.G.  
Date: March 25, 2020  
RE: **COVID-19 – Continued Closure of Catholic Schools**

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On Saturday, March 14, 2020, Bishop Sullivan issued a statement temporarily closing all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Camden effective Monday, March 16, 2020. In his statement the Bishop noted that the schools likely would be closed for a minimum of two weeks.

Given the current situation and the escalating numbers diagnosed with COVID-19, Bishop Sullivan is extending the closure of all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Camden until at least April 20, 2020 which incorporates the previously scheduled break for Easter.

Diocesan and Catholic Schools staff will continue to monitor the situation closely in order to determine when it will be appropriate to re-open our schools.

Students and families are encouraged to follow the directives from the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services as we continue to work together for the common good, to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and prevent further infection.

Bishop is well aware that the continued closure of our schools places an enormous burden on parents and will be challenging for families. He is proud of the tireless efforts and creative work of principals and faculty to continue to educate their students and grateful to the parents for their ongoing partnership in supporting their children's learning in new ways. He is also very impressed by the resilience and dedication of the students to their studies.

Please continue your prayers for the health of our students, their families, our dedicated teachers, administrators and staff members, and for all people as together we face the deepening effects of this worldwide pandemic.