



DIocese OF MANCHESTER

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Superintendent of Schools



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Dear Catholic School Families and Employees:

As evident in my letters over the past three days, it is clear the situation regarding COVID-19 is constantly evolving. On Friday, Governor Sununu declared a state of emergency as a proactive measure. Yesterday, Catholic schools in NH enacted a plan for all Catholic schools to transition to remote learning through March 27, 2020. Today, Governor Sununu announced that all public schools in NH will move to remote instruction immediately. Public school students in NH will stay home beginning tomorrow and will learn via remote instruction through April 3, 2020. Links to the Governor's Executive Order and the letter from the Commissioner of Education are below.

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/orders-2020/documents/emergency-order-1.pdf>
<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2020/documents/edelblut-school-letter.pdf>

With this in mind, regardless of previous plans, all Diocesan Catholic schools will also transition to remote learning effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through April 3, 2020. As a result, your school leaders may be sending you updated information regarding your school's transition to remote instruction. Please continue to pay close attention to when the school will be open for you and your child to retrieve materials if necessary.

We will still be training teams of teachers at the diocesan offices this Monday and Tuesday and providing intense professional development on the implementation of Google Classroom and remote instruction. Professional development for teachers will continue throughout next week as planned and teachers should follow their school-specific plans for providing lessons via remote instruction. If parents have any questions regarding your school's plan for remote instruction please contact the school directly.

Please continue to join me in praying the three-day Novena to our Blessed Mother for healing and a quick resolution to this unprecedented situation.

May God Bless you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Superintendent of Catholic Schools
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