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Dear Catholic School Families,

I hope you are all having a peaceful, fun summer! These are interesting, unsettled times we are journeying through; I pray your families are safe and healthy.

I am grateful to be here in the Diocese of Jefferson City, in this time, working with these committed, dedicated, and kind people who have been called to work and lead your Catholic schools. While I am not a Missourian by birth, I recognize this dedication and commitment as something that transcends where we are from geographically. It is a call by the Holy Spirit to serve the Church – something all us Catholic teachers share.

As we move closer to the start of the 2020-2021 school year, I wanted to assure you that your Catholic school administrators and teachers are working diligently to prepare for a school year that promises to be as interesting as the last! We are doing everything in our power to prepare for as many different scenarios as we can, but it is hard to guess how our school communities will look as we move through this pandemic. Here is what we DO know:

- All our schools are preparing plans for foreseeable events. These plans will be shared with you before the start of the school year.
- All our schools will be following guidance given by their specific county health department.
- All our schools are preparing with your students' health and safety in mind, while continuing to provide an academically excellent education in a Christ-centered community – no matter how socially-distanced that community may be.

I encourage you to communicate with your schools, and your principals, if you have any questions at all. We are all available for questions, concerns, prayers: whatever you need.

Our Catholic schools are here to support and serve your families. We are here to support you as the first and best teachers of your children. We are here to walk with you through this time.

With God's help, we will continue to grow and learn as a community of Catholic Christians, serving one another as disciples of Christ. I am here to help however I can.

Blessings,

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Superintendent