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Memorandum

TO: Pastors, Catholic School Leaders, and Early Childhood Center Directors

FROM: Chris Pastura, Superintendent of Catholic Schools and Centers

RE: Coronavirus (Covid 19)-Updated school/center closure through April 15, 2020

DATE: March 18, 2020

This memo amends the earlier versions sent on March 13 and 16, by extending the closure of Catholic Schools and Centers through April 15, 2020.

In keeping with the directives and guidelines from our government and public health authorities, **Bishop** Gregory Parkes has directed that all Catholic School and Early Childhood centers will be closed to students until April 15,2020. The schedule of days follows:

March 18-20 – Virtual/Online school days.

March 23-27 – No school; we will be using the days off from Easter vacation to give our teachers and students a mental and physical break.

March 30 – April 15 – Virtual/Online school days; however, Good Friday, April 10 there is no school.

Currently, there is no guidance beyond April 15. We will communicate changes as soon as possible.

Please use the parent letter sent with this one to communicate this information to school/center families.

May Christ's peace be with all of us during this time. For information about our Diocesan response to this situation please visit https://www.dosp.org/coronavirus/. Let's continue to remember that while we are separated by quarantines, self-isolation and social distancing, Pope Francis reminds us that, united in Christ we are never alone.