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Dear School Leaders,

Please see this important announcement regarding a system-wide closure, effective Monday, March 16. The OCS will distribute this letter in English and Spanish to all Catholic school parents. We recommend that you distribute it through your own parent communication channels as well. As stated in this letter, we will distribute information about the reopening of our system at a later time. We will base the reopening decision on input from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Illinois Department of Public Health and other relevant authorities.

Please see the attached Q&A document for more information about the closure. You should particularly note the portion related to cleaning your building during the closure period.

This letter refers to activating our e-learning/alternative learning plans to maintain instruction. Please follow up on this announcement with information about your school's plan. Your plan should begin on Monday, March 16. We are still hosting a webinar on Friday, March 13 at 12 p.m. about e-learning/alternative learning. This webinar will be recorded.

If you need assistance with your e-learning/alternative learning plan or have other questions or needs, please contact your regional director or me.

I am grateful for your strong leadership during this difficult time. May God continue to work through our efforts on behalf of His children and His educational ministry.

Yours in Christ,

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