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Dear Families,

As we continue to navigate this unfamiliar territory with e-learning and distribution of learning packets we thank you for your patience and understanding. Our priority is to ensure your child(ren) receive the best quality Catholic education and formation possible despite the challenges of doing so remotely. This remains the commitment of all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Gary:

- We continue to follow the mission of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Gary. We support the formation of young people through holistic, engaging, and academically excellent programming that integrates faith, culture, and life as modeled by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- We continue to fulfill our obligation to administrators, teachers, and staff by continuing to pay salaries and provide benefits, as they, in turn, provide your family with the best education and formation possible.
- We continue to provide a quality Catholic education given the resources each school has available during these challenging times.
- Teachers continue to prepare lessons and to be available to their students and families in a multitude of ways.
- Administrators continue to work daily to lead their staffs and families through this unfamiliar situation.
- We are committed to our Catholic Social Teachings, specifically the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers as well as Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

We remain incredibly grateful for your choice as parents/guardians to have selected Catholic education for your child(ren). As the first teachers of your children, we continue to ask this of you as partners in your child's growth:

- Join us in daily prayer. We know that through God, all good things are possible. Let's rely on Him!
- Recognize your school leaders and teachers are working innovatively and tirelessly in the best interest of the children they are called to serve; they continue to be committed to your child(ren) and family.
- Contact the school if:
 - you are struggling with finances at this time. Leaders of school ministry will work with all families to the best of their ability.
 - daily nutrition for your family is a concern. Your Catholic school will work with you to help provide meals.
 - you or your children are having difficulty with the lessons being provided. Teachers can help if you let them know the challenges you are experiencing.
- With public Mass being suspended, many churches will likely feel the impact of lower contributions. This affects multiple ministries, including schools. Please continue your weekly tithing if you are able.

We trust you will continue in this partnership with your school and the diocese by continuing your tuition payments. The salaries we are continuing to pay makeup approximately 85% of school budgets. We ask for your continued prayerful support during this unprecedented time. May God continue to bless you, your family, and your parish and school community.

In Christ,
Dr. Joseph Majchrowicz
Superintendent of Catholic Schools