



Message from Henry Fortier, Superintendent of Catholic Schools on School Closures related to the CORVID-19 Virus, March 13, 2020

Truly May the Peace of Christ be with you!

Late this afternoon, Richard Corcoran, Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education, extended the Public Schools' Spring Break until March 29, 2020, reopening on March 30, 2020. Our Catholic schools will follow the same directives, so schools will close through March 29, 2020, reopening on Monday, March 30, 2020.

What does that mean for us?

- All Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Orlando will take a two-week break with no instruction from March 14 – March 29;
- Those Catholic Schools whose Spring Break fell at a different time will move their Spring Break to March 14 – March 29.
- At this time, all standalone Early Learning Centers, as well as the following centers associated with a school, will remain open during their regular operating hours in order to serve our working families, especially those serving in the healthcare and public safety areas: Angel in Arms (Blessed Trinity Catholic School) in Ocala; St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School and Annunciation Catholic Academy, both in Altamonte Springs; and Good Shepherd Catholic School in Orlando.

Parents/guardians will receive further information from their principals. We will continue to monitor the situation as we have planned for virtual learning. We place our work into God's hands. Throughout Scripture and in the readings of the saints we discover time after time how God is present and active in our lives during times of trial. God is with us! Let us pray for all those who are working to keep us safe, for those who are ill, for those who died, and for the scientists that they may find a way to prevent further illness.