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Dear St. Thomas More School Families,

Thank you for your patience as we have worked internally at St. Thomas More, the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Raleigh and the Office of the Bishop to make a decision regarding *Distance Learning* due to the coronavirus. There have been many working parts to all of this and the two of us spent most of the day yesterday and this morning on our church and school response to COVID-19.

Beginning Monday, March 16th St. Thomas More Catholic School will be transitioning to *Distance Learning* and implementing the planned formats stated in the school communication earlier this week. We have made this decision in an effort to be proactive in keeping the health and wellness of our community a top priority. Our Faculty and Staff are prepared to provide activities and learning modules that will ensure the remaining educational standards for the year will be assessed with integrity. As this will be a continued learning experience, we have no present plans of altering our school calendar. We will re-assess our status by Friday, March 27th with any additional updates. As communicated previously, we continue to work in collaboration with our local health departments, medical experts, and the Diocese of Raleigh.

All communication regarding the distance learning will be coming directly from the classroom teachers via e-mail. Our teachers have been preparing for a *Distance Learning* plan over the past two weeks and will be using Monday, at a minimum, as a workday to ensure all communication is clear and concise. We have our digital resources updated and ready to go. Please know we have been assessing students' needs regarding internet access, etc. If you have any concerns regarding needs, we are available for your questions.

Please pay close attention to updates and communications from the school. Information previously communicated can be found on the home page of the school website including links for resources to keep you updated with current information and guidelines.

We appreciate your kindness, understanding, and support during this unprecedented pandemic.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell W. Fulford".

Darrell Fulford
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Very Rev. Scott E. McCue, V.F.".

Very Rev. Scott E. McCue, V.F.
Pastor