



Diocese of Worcester
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Dear supporter of Adopt-A-Student,

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak, The Adopt-A-Student Steering Committee recommended to me, in the interest of the wellbeing of those who might attend, that we cancel the dinner scheduled for April 2. I agree with their recommendation.

While it is unfortunate that the event cannot be held, the need to raise the needed funds to continue the scholarships for our “adopted” students is still a reality. It is my hope that, as a supporter of the program, you will recognize the uniqueness of this situation and will continue with your support. The committee will still produce a program book to promote the program as well as its supporters. There will also be online announcement of awardees and scholarship recipients so that we may recognize publicly the achievements of our students. The committee and I along with the students and their families appreciate all you have done to help *Change A Life* and I ask that you prayerfully consider still being part of this fundraising effort by being part of the program book.

Please join me in praying that this healthcare crisis, which is impacting the lives of millions of people globally, will come to a speedy end. May Christ, who is the ultimate source of all healing, bring comfort to all who will be combatting this virus in the weeks ahead.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

+ Robert J. McManus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester