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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our elementary and secondary schools will remain closed through the end of this school year to ensure the health and well-being of our school community. Remote learning will continue to provide for the educational development of our children.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and staunch support of your individual schools as well as your commitment to Catholic education in the Diocese of Paterson. As the primary educators of your child/children, we value your partnership and have much empathy for the sacrifices you have to endure during this pandemic.

In our time of uncertainty, one can look to the words of Pope Francis: “Let us ask the Holy Spirit, to visit afflicted hearts to revive them; darkened minds to illuminate them; and to fill the lives of each of us in a way that turns each of us into a flame of hope and a true witness to His hope.” It is with this confidence that we can meet our challenges with a strong sense of hope for the future.

May God keep each of you safe and well in His loving embrace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mary D. Baier  
Superintendent of Schools