



PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Catholic School Families,

The Diocese of Pittsburgh's Schools Office, the regional administrators, and your local school principals have worked diligently on a plan to successfully reopen our Catholic schools in late August. Over the past several weeks, the COVID-19 Educational Planning Team created a Diocesan School Health and Safety Plan template that was vetted by pastors, parents, teachers, and medical professionals. This plan was then distributed to principals so it could be adapted to meet the space requirements, enrollment numbers, and staffing configurations. Each school is unique and we recognize that challenges in one school may not be challenges in another. The plan also reflects important guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Allegheny Health Department.

I want to thank you for your patience as you have waited to read your school's reopening plans. I am happy to tell you that those plans are now ready for release. Each school will distribute their school plan on Saturday, August 1, through email and the school website. I know you understand that these plans are "living" documents that will be revised and updated as new information becomes available.

We are all eager to see our precious children and young adults learning again, and no one is working harder to make that happen than your teachers. Your partnership means the world to us and your prayers are essential as we strive to open our school doors and welcome everyone back to their classrooms. If your family is choosing our virtual option, be assured that we are committed to providing an experience that mirrors our in class experience. You will continue to hear more detailed plans from your building principals.

God bless you always,

Michelle A. Peduto