



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Masses to be Cancelled and Catholic School Campuses Close under Temporary Measures Announced by Diocese of Stockton**

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Following the guidance of state and national public health officials, and out of love and concern for God's people, beginning Wednesday, March 18, all public daily and Sunday Masses in the Diocese of Stockton will be suspended until further notice. Parishes are encouraged to leave their churches open on Sundays and throughout the week for parishioners and others who wish to pray and seek spiritual consolation.

All Catholics in the Diocese of Stockton have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.

All parish and diocesan schools and religious education programs have been suspended effective Friday, March 13, 2020. All school campuses are temporarily closed, and teachers are facilitating distance-learning at home.