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Dear Mount Carmel School Families,

As the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC), and other agencies respond to the recent case of community spread of COVID-19, Mount Carmel School continues to monitor the situation. Based on our work with other private schools and the current assessment from CHCC that it does not see widespread community transmission, the school has decided that, as announced yesterday, ***we will continue with face-to-face classes with parents given the option to keep their students at home for the time-being.***

To that effect, please note the following:

- Exams scheduled for this week are postponed until the following week.
- Using our online platforms like Edmodo, Khan Academy, Achieve3000, the College Board's AP Classroom, teachers will post asynchronous work and learning resources online for students that stay home.
- For now, we will not facilitate live synchronous learning.
- Friday's NJHS and NEHS induction ceremony is postponed until the following week.
- All extra-curricular, co-curricular, and athletic activities are suspended until further notice.
- The Spirit Week and Pep Rally scheduled for next week is postponed until sometime in April.

Please also note that the school remains committed to its mitigation protocols, including:

- Conducting temperature and symptom checks for everyone arriving on campus
- Requiring everyone on campus to wear a mask
- Enforcing a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others
- Continuing the use of plexiglass partitions in classroom
- Continuing the use of UVC lighting in all classrooms, which kill coronavirus particles circulate in the air
- Continuing procedures to ensure physical distancing during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up
- Continuing procedures for ensuring the safe delivery of student meals
- Providing ample wash stations and hand sanitizers throughout campus
- Conducting regular disinfecting and cleaning of all classrooms and common areas

All faculty, staff, administrators, and vendors will also reinforce all COVID-19 mitigation guidelines set forth by the school and the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force. You can do your part to stop the spread with these three simple Ws:

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- **Watch your distance** by maintaining a physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and other people you don't live with.
- **Wear a mask** in public settings around people who don't live in your household.

This is a dynamic situation that may change from day to day. The school's Leadership Team, guided by Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez and the school's Board of Directors, are making decisions based on the best and most accurate information available at any given time. Please be assured that no matter what we do, we will provide ample notification and information to all students, parents, teachers, and families via email, our website, all our social media outlets, and local media. In other words, you will definitely hear from us and know what to do.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding. While these are perilous times, remember that we're all in this together, and with **FAITH** in our Lord, **HOPE** for a better tomorrow, and **LOVE** for each other, we will get through this. We are **KNIGHT STRONG**. We are **MARIANAS STRONG**.

Sincerely in Christ,



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President