



March 25, 2020

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

From: David Dean, Superintendent

To: Principals, Faculty and all Parents of Catholic Schools Students in the Diocese of Tulsa

Re: Transition to Distance Learning

MEMORANDUM

The joy of learning and building a strong Catholic foundation for our students are essential in our Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma Catholic schools. The safety and well-being of our school children and families are equally important, but we are adjusting to a “new normal” with each passing day and appreciate your patience while we determine what will be best for our school communities.

All diocesan Catholic grade schools (PreK to 8th grade) on-campus classes will remain suspended while each school transitions to distance learning. For each school in our diocese, distance learning will look differently; platforms and means of communication will be different at each school throughout the diocese. There will likely be a blended style incorporating online platforms and/or videos, as well as some pencil and paper assignments. Our teachers will be crafting distance learning lesson plans based on the current diocesan standards and guidelines just as they have done for traditional classroom learning. Some schools will begin this transition as early as Monday, March 30; some will begin soon thereafter. Each school will communicate their intentions to their communities.

Each week of distance learning, we will be assessing best practices. We are committed to keeping you informed of any adjustments that are needed. We appreciate your flexibility during these uncertain times, and we ask you to allow our teachers and principals the grace they need to adjust to new ways of communicating with and instructing your children.

This Lent continues to be a challenging time for all of us. As we draw closer to Easter, we pray you are continuing to deepen your relationship with Christ, allowing Him to remain at the center of your lives and to strengthen your families and the Domestic Church.

We ask you to please continue offering prayers for those afflicted with COVID-19, those who may be afflicted in the coming weeks, all healthcare workers and those who are the most vulnerable in our community. May we remain open to God’s will, just as Mary did at the Annunciation.

End of Memorandum