



April 28, 2020  
*Tuesday in the Third Week of Easter*  
*Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort*

From: David Dean, Superintendent

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

Re: Plans for the remainder of the 2019-2020 School Year

### **MEMORANDUM**

As we find ourselves in the middle of the Easter season with its message of resurrection and hope, we also continue to struggle with the Coronavirus and the many ways it has changed our daily lives. We are working closely with Diocesan officials and monitoring local, state and federal health guidelines related to business and school closures due to COVID-19.

The safety of your children and families, our faculty, staff and families, and the greater good of our human community is always foremost in our minds and reflected in our school policies. Therefore, distance learning will continue through May 15, 2020 for all Diocesan elementary schools. The following week, May 18-22, will be designated for completing unfinished school work and collecting school property such as books and computers.

The path of distance learning was chosen for our Diocesan elementary schools in order to help our students continue to learn even when physically separated from our schools. The swift action of our principals, teachers and schools' staff to make the transition possible was outstanding and I am so thankful for all they have done to sustain our robust Catholic education. I know this has been a challenge for many of you as parents as well. We appreciate your cooperation and support as primary educators of your children.

In the coming days, each school will determine the best course of action for end-of-year activities, such as graduations and other celebrations and ceremonies. Each school will make the best plan possible for the safest way to host these events whether they are virtual, "drive thru," indefinitely postponed or simply cancelled. Watch for notices from your respective schools.

Every year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. This year particularly, we beseech Our Mother to continue to protect the vulnerable and those working in our hospitals, to heal the unwell, and wisdom for those searching for the cure to the current pandemic. Mary, Mother of Our Lord, pray for us. Saint Louis de Montfort, whose life was consecrated to our Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us.

End of Memorandum

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**TOGETHER, OUR FAITH GOES FURTHER**