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Dear Catholic School Parents,

This past week has been challenging for all of us. The situation with the COVID-19 virus continues to change hourly. It has been difficult to keep up with the changes and it is uncertain how long it will last. We have followed the recommendations of the California Department of Public Health, we have taken the necessary steps of temporarily closing our campuses throughout the Diocese and implemented distance learning for the students and faculty. Parents and guardians, thank you for your support and willingness to embark in this new and unexpected journey. Together, we will do our best to serve our students and teachers.

To keep our students engaged, learning, and in community with each other during a trying time, we have prepared all our schools to support distance learning for all students. Our teachers and principals have created and prepared plans for remote instruction. We have provided our principals with a vast amount of resources related to distance learning. Your individual school principal and I will continue to communicate with you about distance learning.

In terms of distance learning, the intention is not to replace the experience a student would have in his or her classroom, but to support them with continued learning while away from campus. The lesson plans and activities the teacher has organized will help them to progress to the end of the year goals. Communicate with your teachers and principals to help answer any questions you may have regarding the assignments.

The Diocese of San Bernardino has resources on the diocesan web page, www.sbdioocese.org, offering information about our response to COVID-19 across our ministries. Please know that we will work together with the appropriate public health officials to return students to school as quickly and as safely as possible. We remain focused on the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff, and all of their families. As this situation continues to change and challenge us, we will also continue to give updated guidelines and instructions. Be patient and kind to one another. Above all, keep those suffering from the virus and those who care for them in your daily prayer. You remain in my prayers.

Saint Bernardine, pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Peace & Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Samuel Torres".

Dr. Samuel Torres
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