



Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the 2020 school year! I am incredibly delighted to have our students and educators back in school again, particularly after such a challenging spring and summer. Our teachers and staff couldn't be more excited to see your children's smiling faces in our classrooms. We have all learned a great deal in the first three weeks of school. On behalf of all our administrators, faculty and staff, thank you for your continued support as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. I also want to express how proud I am of our teachers and administrators who continue to work diligently each day to teach both in-person and online to provide your students with a high-quality Catholic education.

Students are excited that the school year is underway and are engaged in learning! This enthusiasm for learning is a tribute to the creativity and persistence of their teachers. Although things seem to change by the minute, the steadfast dedication of all our faculty remains. They are truly making a difference for each and every student, and I cannot thank them enough for their continued efforts.

This year, we are all first-year educators as we are called to teach in new ways. In response, each school will ensure continued improvement of our instructional practices by offering professional development opportunities to meet the needs of our teachers. As the individual needs of each school may vary, professional development may look a little different in each of our schools across the diocese. I ask for your understanding and flexibility with the possible adjustments in school calendars that may be necessary.

With a focus on what is best for students, we can do this and do it well. I want to assure all our school families that your children are in great hands this year - both in school and at home.

I look forward to our continued educational partnership!

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