



**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Dear Catholic School Families, Faculty, and Friends,

I hope this letter finds your family well and safe during summer break. I'm writing to share the good news Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced today that she expects schools across Michigan will be permitted to reopen for in-person learning this fall.

The Department of Catholic Schools' return to school taskforce continues to finalize our plans for the start of the 2020-2021 academic year. We're thankful for the efforts of the physicians, government officials, educators, school pastors, and parents who serve on this taskforce. They are committed to putting together a set of comprehensive guidelines detailing our safe return to school in the fall, guided by the best understanding of the evidence for what will protect and serve all of our students and educators.

These guidelines are being developed in conjunction with information from the State of Michigan and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The health, safety, and well-being of all educators and students is of paramount importance. We expect the guidelines to be released during the month of July.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation through the summer and into the fall. Our goal remains to assist all Catholic schools to be prepared to embark on another enriching academic year with our students this fall, while remaining responsive to the public health situation as it stands at that time.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Cc: The Most Reverend Allen Vigneron, Ph.D.
The Very Reverend Jeffrey Day, V.G.
The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer, J.D.

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