



COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE UPDATE

The Covid-19 Coronavirus caught us all by surprise and created a once in a lifetime (hopefully) exceptional circumstance well outside of our control. Admittedly, we were unprepared for this situation, and new information leading to the rapid change in guidance from the State of Alabama and the Office of Catholic Schools furthered our lack of preparation. Through it all, we have acted in a manner consistent with our state and our Office of Catholic Schools to ensure the safety and well being of our children, faculty, staff, and school community.

While this situation has necessitated an immediate and drastic change in our learning environment, we are committed to providing a consistent, quality education curriculum for our school, no matter the challenges that are presented and no matter the format required for learning.

We immediately implemented an online distance learning curriculum, and, while there were a few challenges along the way, we believe our teachers have done a fantastic job overall of implementing and adapting to this new format. We continue to adapt and make changes and hope that you, too, have noticed an improvement in the last couple of weeks.

Our current situation is less than ideal. It has been difficult on us all. Our faculty and staff are committed to ensure the quality of education we provide continues to meet the expectations of our school families. As we look forward to Holy Week, Easter, and spring break, we hope that everyone has an opportunity to relax and recover from this change in circumstances. We will be evaluating our implementation thus far and expect to make improvements to our distance learning for the return from spring break and will continue this program however long this unconventional teaching method is required.

We realize the distance learning program has put additional responsibility on each of you to ensure our children are learning to their fullest. We are very appreciative of your dedication and commitment to our school in this difficult time.

Per the Office of Catholic School's guidance, we are required to fulfill our financial contractual obligations to our faculty and staff through the remainder of the school year. We ask the you ensure continued timely payment of tuition during this time as it ensures our school is fully funded and allows us to pay our faculty and staff, utilities, insurance, and regular school expenses without disruption. We understand that some of you may be experiencing unplanned financial challenges related to the Covid-19 situation. We are sensitive to these issues, and if you find yourself in a financial hardship, please contact the parish/school office to discuss a solution for meeting your annual tuition commitment.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support of our school. We look forward to continued improvement and success of our distance learning program. Most importantly, we look forward to everyone returning to school happy, healthy, and refreshed.