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Statement re: Diocese of Crookston Catholic Schools Extended Closure

CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA, March 25, 2020 – In light of the COVID-19 situation, Governor Walz announced an executive order today which extends the closure of all Minnesota public schools through May 1. In cooperation with this announcement and out of concern for the welfare of the students entrusted to our care, all Catholic schools of the Diocese of Crookston will also remain closed. Distance learning in all Diocese of Crookston Catholic Schools has been implemented and will continue through the duration of the closure. Determination regarding the reopening of schools after May 1 will depend upon future developments.

Director of Catholic Schools Andrew Hilliker continues working with school principals and pastors of Catholic schools on school-specific impacts related to the closure.

Additional Diocese of Crookston COVID-19 updates and impacts will continue to be published at <u>www.crookston.org/statements</u>.

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