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Statement re: Diocese of Crookston Catholic Schools Mar. 18 Closure

CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA, March 15, 2020 – In light of the COVID-19 situation, Governor Walz announced an executive order today which closes all Minnesota public schools from Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 27. 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 be closed during that time period. Determination regarding the reopening of schools after March 27 will depend upon future developments.

Director of Catholic schools Andrew Hilliker is 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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