



**DIOCESE OF ORANGE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
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Dear Catholic School Parents,

As we begin Week Two of our distance learning program, I want to share a few thoughts with you. First, I am so grateful for our dedicated principals and teachers who have worked tirelessly to prepare for distance learning. I admire their faith-filled commitment, dedication, and initiative that they have shown in preparing for this endeavor. To ensure that our teachers have the support they need, we are partnering with Loyola Marymount University for focused professional development in the area of distance learning. This professional development will be ongoing so that our teachers have access to the tools they need.

In my communication dated March 13, I stated students would return to campus on April 20, 2020. While we have not made any decisions to extend this date, we recognize that the situation is fluid and we are committed to ensuring that our students, teachers, and family are safe. We will continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC and OC Health Agency as we make decisions about returning to campus.

Finally, although things may look different for all of us for a while, we are confident that together we can continue our mission of faith formation and academic excellence through distance learning. As such, we need your commitment to continue paying tuition. The quality of education remains the same and the level of individualized learning has increased for our students. With your partnership, we will continue to educate our students and lead them closer to Christ so that they may transform the world.

Thank you for being an important part of our Catholic school community. We are grateful to be sharing this journey with you.

In mission,

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