

To: All Pastors
From: The Office of the Chancellor
Re: Religious Education - Virus Precautions
Date: March 14, 2020

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Rockville Centre have closed as a precautionary measure during the week of March 16 – 20. Those closures could possibly be extended in the coming weeks.

In addition, the Executive Order issued by Governor Cuomo prohibits public gatherings of persons exceeding 500 and gatherings where more than half of the maximum number allowed in a room or building are present.

The Diocese has also dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Holy Mass for all weekends through and including March 28 – 29.

Therefore, it is recommended that all pastors consider suspending Religious Education Classes through Easter.

Please exercise and encourage prudent judgment and clear, calm communications among your parents, volunteers and staff.

We will issue updates as needed, as well as continue to monitor and adapt to the circumstances as they develop. Thank you for your steady leadership during these challenging times.