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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Catholic Schools Office continues their commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students. I would like to provide an important update about coronavirus (COVID-19).

It was announced today that Maryland schools will close from Monday, March 16 through March 27. Out of an abundance of caution and consistency throughout our diocese, we will be closing all archdiocesan Catholic schools in the **District of Columbia**, as well. Because this continues to be a fluid situation, please stay posted to local news reports and information from your school principal.

Assignments will be provided by the school to continue student learning. Please check the school's website or other communications for further details.

Thank you for your continued support to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Ryan, III".

William H. Ryan, III  
Secretary for Catholic Schools