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Dear Catholic School Families, Administrators, Faculties:

In keeping with Governor John Bel Edwards' extension of "social distancing" until April 30<sup>th</sup>, our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lafayette will remain closed as directed by the Governor. Our schools will continue to provide instruction using available resources and technology. We will continue to monitor this very fluid situation. Directives will be issued as warranted.

Know of my gratitude to everyone for their cooperation and support during this pandemic. I ask your continued prayers for all persons affected by the coronavirus by the recitation of the Rosary (individually and as families). Let us continue to pray through the intercession of St. Joseph for trust in God, healing and a speedy end to this public health crisis.

With prayers for your good health, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Douglas Deshotel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.  
Bishop of Lafayette

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