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Dear Parents,

Per Governor Edwards' most recent proclamation, the school closure deadline has been extended until April 30, 2020. As we all know, there are many unknowns in this current crisis situation and things are still changing rapidly. Governor Edwards has indicated that he has been communicating with the Louisiana Department of Education as to a plan for the rest of the school year, which we anticipate will be released in the coming days. In the event that Louisiana makes the decision to close schools for the rest of the school year, please know that our faculty and staff are committed to continuing to provide a top-notch education to all of our students for as long as needed on the virtual platform. While any extended school closure is not ideal, we are thankful that we have the necessary resources to make virtual learning possible.

I am highly impressed with how quickly our students have adapted to this new way of learning. They, along with our faculty and staff, have worked incredibly hard over these past few weeks, and this hard work has not gone unnoticed. We went from a school closure announcement on the afternoon of Friday, March 13, to being fully up and running with a virtual learning program on Tuesday, March 17. It was no easy feat for our faculty or students, but I could not be more proud of their continued stamina and dedication. With that being said, the administration realizes the stress that this quick transition may have had on everyone (parents included), so we have decided to extend our Easter break by a couple of days to give everyone some much-needed downtime. The Easter break will begin on Thursday, April 9 and will continue until Wednesday, April 15. There will be no virtual classes held on these days. Classes will resume on Thursday, April 16. We hope that families will use this time to come together and to try to enter into the mystery of Holy Week as best as possible. This Lent has certainly been one of many unforeseen sacrifices, but with the gift of faith, even though we are living in a hurting and chaotic world, we know that the Resurrection will come.

We have received many questions as to events for the rest of the year. Due to the changing nature of this pandemic, we do not have any clear direction as to when large group gatherings will be able to occur again, and until we get this guidance we are unable to provide any concrete answers. As much as I would love to be able to provide you with these answers, at this time we all find ourselves in a time of waiting, and I know the wait is not easy for any of us. What I can tell you, however, is that we are going to make sure that we do everything within our power to make the rest of this school year, whatever it may entail, the best possible experience for our students, especially for our graduating seniors.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your daughter's education. Know that you and your families continue to be in our prayers during this difficult time. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us!

Remembering *Deus Providebit*,

Leila Benoit
President/Principal