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Dear Monroe Vicariate Catholic School Community,

It has now been 8 months since our Catholic schools were shut down by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a faith community, with the prayers and support of our local church, and the immense dedication of our teachers, administrators and staff, we were able to provide a level of distance learning in the spring that was unmatched by any other schools in Monroe County. Summer brought a range of new safety protocols from the State of Michigan and the Archdiocese of Detroit that not only allowed us to open our schools to five day a week, in-person instruction, but also has provided a safe learning environment so far for our students, teachers and staff. We sincerely thank all of you for trusting us in this journey and all the changes it has brought to our schools.

As fall turns to winter, we are seeing an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and positivity rate throughout the State of Michigan. We are writing today, in unison, as the leaders of our parishes and school communities, to ask for your help. As the holiday season approaches, we are asking that you stay mindful of the recommended health and safety protocols related to social distancing and gatherings as you plan your holiday celebrations. In-person learning, particularly at a Catholic school, is education at its finest. Forming minds and souls in God's image is a much easier task when our teachers, pastors and staff can be present with your sons and daughters in classrooms and Church settings. Being mindful of those protocols gives us our best chance to continue our in-person learning and worship as we face a potential new wave of Covid-19 during flu season.

Thank you again for your support of Catholic education in Monroe County.

Yours in Christ,

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