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Dear Parents, Pastors, and Principals

As you know, under orders from the State of Wisconsin and Department of Public Instruction, students and faculty left their schools and moved to virtual education in late-March, as the Coronavirus began to be felt in the state of Wisconsin. While this event changed the delivery of education in the final months of the school year, Catholic school students and staff were able to pivot quickly and resume lessons in a virtual environment.

It is with great excitement and an eye on health and safety, that the Diocese of Green Bay is pleased to inform you that all our Catholic schools will open this fall for in person classes.

Our school teams are currently developing a strategy to address student and faculty health and safety based on recommendations from the CDC, Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services, County Health Departments and Diocesan guidelines. Our goal is to accommodate all students who want to attend our schools and to make sure that our families know that the schools are doing everything to protect their child. We are encouraged by what we have observed in other areas of the country where school has resumed that we will be able to continue to provide a Catholic faith based quality education.

With 54 schools across 16 counties, each school will have various modifications based on the needs of the area that they serve. Under the guidance of DPI, our schools will make sure to review and implement the guidelines that will be most effective in their area. Your local school will be in contact with you regarding how they will proceed and with safety protocols they will be implementing. Please know that as summer continues, more information will be shared with your family.

Please join us in celebrating our schools, our principals, our teachers and our students as we end the 2019-2020 school year and excitedly await the opening of the 2020-2021 year! For additional information, please contact your school directly, or contact Lori Paul, Advancement Director for Catholic School, [lpaul@gbdioc.org](mailto:lpaul@gbdioc.org) or 920-272-8163.

May the blessings of Christ be with your family this summer and may St. Joseph watch over you and keep you safe.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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