



To: Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education

From: Colleen L. Lindsey, Director

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Date: March 13, 2020

The health and well-being of each person in the community of your Parish Religious Education Program remains of the utmost priority at all times. As the global spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, the Office for Religious Education (ORE) of the Diocese of Wilmington has sought guidance from the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), the Governor's Office, and the Health Department of your respective state, Delaware or Maryland.

Given the current situation, Religious Education Programs in the Diocese of Wilmington will be closed beginning Monday, March 15 through Sunday, March 29. During the time direct instruction is suspended, you may provide electronic resources for students (if possible) to continue catechesis and sacramental preparation. In the event that Religious Education Programs may need to be closed past Sunday, March 29, an updated communication will be sent to you.

Lastly, please pray with and for one another – those who have died, the ill, and all those affected by this disease in a physical, emotional, or economic way. Let us place our intentions in the hands of our Blessed Mother each day through prayer.

Thank you for your professionalism and cooperation at this time and always in the ministry of Catholic Religious Education.