



May 3, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move to the conclusion of this school year, we again thank you for all you have done to support our schools' efforts at offering quality Catholic education in this COVID environment. In cooperation with you, our Catholic schools have been open every day since the start of the school year! While there were challenges at times with illnesses and quarantines, we were able to successfully navigate these circumstances.

May 3-7 is National Teacher Appreciation Week and May 12 is National School Nurse Day. If you are able to do so, a few appreciative words from you to our teachers and school nurses would be a wonderful way to show your gratitude to these school heroes for their commitment in this COVID year.

As we look to the 2021-2022 school year, we are planning for a full in-person return for all students. Of course, if we are directed otherwise by the state governments or health departments in Delaware or Maryland, we shall inform you in a timely manner.

In the 2021-2022 school year, parish and diocesan schools will not offer the dual learning platforms – in-person and virtual – that were offered during this COVID year. We are very grateful to our educators who made the dual learning platforms work so well this past year, but this system was a short-term solution to the COVID situation.

Schools will work with families whose children experience absences due to quarantine or more extended illnesses, but these situations may or may not include virtual learning. The Catholic Schools Office will continue cyber days instead of snow days that previously would need to be accounted for at the end of a school year.

There may be some families who wish their children to continue learning in a fully virtual environment. If so, your family will have the option to participate in our diocesan partnership with Catholic Virtual. Included with this letter is information about the Diocese of Wilmington Online Academy, powered by Catholic Virtual.

Families participating in the Diocese of Wilmington Online Academy will commit to a fully virtual program for 2021-2022, separate from the parish or diocesan school. All instruction, assessment, grades, communication, etc., as well as tuition will be coordinated through Catholic Virtual.

Below is key information about the Diocese of Wilmington Online Academy:

- Student Registrations for Online Classes are due by 06/16/2021.
- First day of online classes will begin on 08/30/2021.
- This program is a year-long commitment.
- [2021-2022 Catholic Virtual Course Catalog.pdf](#)
- [Catholic Virtual Overview Slides.pdf](#)
- [CLICK HERE](#) to register for online.

Information sessions about the Diocese of Wilmington Online Academy, powered by Catholic Virtual, are scheduled on the dates listed below along with the meeting link.

- Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM
- Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM
- Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

The meeting link is <https://myvsoe.zoom.us/my/hgs.sean>

Questions may be directed to **772.293.9994** | [Admissions@CatholicVirtual.com](mailto:Admissions@CatholicVirtual.com)

May these final weeks of the school year bring us to a good conclusion and may this summer offer a time of rest, relaxation, and renewal.

In this Year of Saint Joseph declared by Pope Francis, join in praying to this Patron of the Universal Church.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Sincerely,

*Louis P. De Angelo*

Louis P. De Angelo, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools