

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA



July 20, 2020

Dear Catholic School Parents,

Greetings and peace.

In collaboration with Catholic school leadership across the Archdiocese of Atlanta, I am pleased to announce that we have made the decision to reopen all the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The schools will begin reopening on or after August 12, the first day following the anticipated end of the Georgia's current State of Emergency Order.

We ardently believe that the benefits of in-person instruction, compared with remote delivery, far outweigh possible risks involved. Our schools have been working diligently to develop COVID-19 related protocols consistent with federal and state public health guidelines to help mitigate those risks for all children and adults entering our Catholic schools, including school closure procedures and the wearing of masks by all students and adults. Combined with parental cooperation in support of school expectations, we are confident that we will be able to create the best conditions possible for an engaging learning environment for students and adults alike. Catholic school parents uncomfortable with in-school instruction at the present time will be given the option of choosing on-line instruction for a time to be determined by the school.

Our archdiocesan task force, comprised of medical, legal, and educational professionals, will continue its exemplary work of advising the Office of Catholic Schools as we receive further guidance from the CDC and the Georgia Department of Health in addressing the challenges of educating children in these difficult times. With the help of God's grace, our Catholic schools are prepared to meet these challenges with the same level of common sense, creativity, and academic acumen that characterizes all their efforts on behalf of the learning communities we serve. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hal Plummer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hal Plummer  
Superintendent of Schools