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St. Patrick- St. Vincent Catholic High School Moves Students to Distance Learning Model

Per the direction of the Diocese of Sacramento and the Solano County Shelter at Home Health Order, St. Patrick-St. Vincent Catholic High School (SPSV) Principal and Interim President, Coleen Martin closed the school campus at the end of the school day, March 13, 2020, and expects to remain closed through April 20th.

All educational practices for their 30 faculty members and 400 students spread across multiple cities and counties in the Bay Area and have successfully moved to a Distance Learning model. This campus closure includes any planned school events, including fundraisers, community events, and field trips. As of now, no students, faculty, or staff members have tested positive for COVID-19, the closure simply helps mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Teachers are now providing students instruction online using a variety of technology solutions that were already a part of their culture enabling a smooth transition for faculty and students to distance learning. While no substitute for the rich on-campus experience these tools ensure students remain competitive with a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum throughout the remainder of the academic year.

At the center of their Distance Learning environment is Schoology, the leading social networking service and virtual learning environment, that allows teachers to post assignments, presentations, discussion boards, and short videos to students on the web and enable students to create, manage, and share academic content. Other applications supporting the distance learning model at SPSV include Zoom, Google Classroom, IXL, College Board, Membean, Flip Grid and more. SPSV students are checking in every weekday morning for the classes that would regularly be in session on campus and completing class assignments later that day. In this first week, SPSV offered 430 Distance Learning classes online.

Principal Martin says, "We are committed to providing quality faith-based education through distance learning. The engagement and online collaboration between faculty, parents and students this first week have been invaluable."

"A Catholic school is not the building; the school is the people. I am proud that all our schools are now successfully educating our students remotely. This is not a small deal; Catholic schools are leading the way with this program, showing that we can keep students in community and learning despite the current challenges." said Lincoln Snyder, Superintendent and Executive Director of Schools for The Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento.

St. Patrick-St. Vincent Catholic High School is the only diocesan Catholic high school in Solano County.