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## Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archdiocese of New York to Close Tomorrow Due to Impending Snow Storm

All Catholic Elementary Schools in the Archdiocese of New York, will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> due to the expected heavy snow storm. The National Weather Service expects accumulations exceeding 18 inches in some areas, as well as winds gusting as high as 40 MPH which will cause hazardous driving conditions and the potential for power outages throughout the Metropolitan Area.

## Archdiocese High Schools operate independently, so high school families need to follow instructions from their individual schools.

"The health and safety of our teachers, staff and students are always the first thought that crosses our minds. To that end, the Archdiocese will have a "traditional snow day" tomorrow with no online instruction and all schools buildings closed," said Michael J. Deegan, Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of New York.

"And please continue to take all COVID precautions, since COVID does not take a snow day or a holiday," said Mr. Deegan.

## About the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York:

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve nearly 60,000 students from Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade across 172 schools in ten counties and boroughs throughout New York, including Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, Sullivan, Orange and Dutchess. Catholic schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that empowers children of all backgrounds to gain the confidence to realize their

fullest potential. To learn more about the Archdiocese of New York's Catholic schools, visit <a href="www.catholicschoolsny.org">www.catholicschoolsny.org</a> or <a href="www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork">www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork</a>.