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Month of the Most Precious Blood

Year of St. Joseph

Dear Catholic School Families,

Last year our Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York were open for in-person instruction because we received the guidance from CDC, the New York State and local health departments.

Our Health and Safety Task Force led the national dialogue by demonstrating that following these guidelines and requirements ensured our Catholic schools opened on time with all the needed protocols and materials in place.

While the CDC, the NYS Department of Health and local health departments signaled they wanted to disseminate guidance early- so schools can properly plan- they have yet to release guidance, thus leaving us with more questions and wondering of what the future holds.

Like you, we are frustrated when we can't answer your basic questions, or those of our teachers and principals- and even our students on "What will September look like? What will I need to do?"

To that end, the Archdiocese of New York is partnering with all of the other Catholic dioceses across the great State of New York- and the New York State Catholic Conference to advocate to our elected official to "Communicate on COVID Guidance for Schools". While nearly every other industry has had their guidance modified and the state of emergency ended, our schools are still being held hostage.

Let elected officials know you demand new COVID guidance NOW!

[Please click here for the New York State Catholic Conference Action Center](#) to join us in our advocacy! Also, please also feel free to Tweet your concerns, using the hashtag **#NYCatholicSchoolsNow**.

Sincerely,

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