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Office of the Archbishop

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Dear Principals and Teachers,

This is a certainly unique moment for us — in our world, in our nation, and in our Church. The coronavirus pandemic has shaken our world – and our lives. Much like in the aftermath of 9/11 which for many of you is ancient history. We feel like the world has changed but we don't know yet what the “new normal” will be.

I pray that your greatest challenge will be only how to cope with some boredom and perhaps cabin fever because of the need for some “social distancing.” However, the risks of contagion are real and to mitigate those risks our students are home – and we are trying our best to continue to educate the children entrusted to our care.

During this time, when we all feel some anxiety and fear, I commend you for your courageous dedication to the mission of Catholic education. As I've said many times, some schools teach the “test”, Catholic schools teach the “yes”. We wish to teach the “yes” that models Mary's “yes”, her “fiat” to God's will in her life.

These days find all of us more than a bit anxious and fearful. But, I thank you for your efforts to recreate through distance learning a normal routine of educating your students.

As the Archbishop of Miami, I appreciate you for all you do. I assure you of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas Wenski
Archbishop of Miami