

**To Teachers, Staff, Students, Parents & Visitors at St. Margaret Mary on October 2, 2020**  
**From: Brenna O'Hearn, Principal**

We regret to inform you that we have been notified that a teacher at St. Margaret Mary School on October 2, 2020 has tested positive for COVID-19. This person was not observed exhibiting any symptoms at that time. We believe that the individual also followed all safety and health protocols during the visit including maintaining social distancing and wearing a face covering.

Out of an abundance of caution, please monitor yourself and any members of your family who were present at St. Margaret Mary School for any COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days from October 2, 2020. Symptoms to watch for include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Mild or moderate difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting

If you exhibit any of these symptoms, inform your medical provider of the circumstances of your exposure and ask if you should be tested.

If you experience any of the symptoms below, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

In the unlikely event you become symptomatic and receive COVID-positive test results, please contact the principal, Brenna O'Hearn at 815-658-5313 or bohearn@rockforddiocese.org so we may maintain vigilance for the health of all others present at St. Margaret Mary School. Your identity will not be revealed to anyone and we will keep you in our prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

If you do begin to display any of the above symptoms, out of care for others, please do not return to St. Margaret Mary School until 14 days have passed. We also encourage you to contact your physician and look forward to seeing you again in person when you return to good health.

Per our school cleaning and disinfecting protocols, be assured that our classrooms, restrooms, gymnasiums and all common areas continue to be thoroughly disinfected regularly. Everyone's health and wellbeing remain our foremost priority.

Together, let us join in praying for the recovery of our fellow teacher and asking our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf to her Son, the Divine Physician, to protect all from this illness.

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