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Dear Teachers, Principals and Administrators,

I cannot tell you how grateful I am for you. I already was, but now so even more. You are doing things that you obviously never planned, and probably were not prepared for, and you are doing an exceptional job. I have heard from many parents who are very grateful for all your good work in continuing to educate and form their children. So, just wanted to give you a big thank you!

I sent a message to our students via video today to encourage them to stick with it, and use this to grow in the virtue of patience too as they face this challenge. Thank you for helping them to do this.

Besides the commitment of yourselves, Catholic schools have always had a strong relationship with our parents and guardians, which has contributed greatly to the success of our schools. I know that they are even more critical now, as the children are at home while learning. They have responded extraordinarily also. I have been praying for them too and am grateful for the sacrifices they are making while we are in this unique learning situation.

Again, I know you are busy, but I just wanted to let you know of my prayers. I don't know what God is going to bring about from all of this, but He will certainly use it for good in some way, and I know Our Lady is watching out for us too. We are theirs! God bless and thanks for all you are doing. May God reward you for your generosity.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
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