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Dear Father,

May God bless you!

I wrote to you last week about a joint recommendation from the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness and our Office of Catholic Schools regarding holiday buffers. I am writing today to support a further expansion of these buffers that Superintendent Leisa Schulz is sharing with school leaders today. See her attached letter to school leaders.

Our schools have experienced an increase in positive cases, along with large numbers of quarantines among other students, faculty, and staff. Some schools have already had to move to remote learning because of the impact of these quarantines. As Leisa states in her letter: “While our schools remain safe, we anticipate our challenges will continue to grow in the coming weeks, and our schools’ abilities to straddle both in-person and remote learning will become increasingly difficult.”

I congratulate the pastors with schools and your school leaders and staff for their hard work in sustaining 14 weeks of in-person instruction since late August, while providing options for families to attend remotely. We believe this experience, in addition to our learnings from last spring, will allow our schools to deliver a robust learning experience in the weeks after Thanksgiving. We will look forward to seeing everyone in the second week of January 2021.

I again reiterate, as Leisa did in her letter to school leaders, that while this is a recommendation and not a mandate, cooperation in these decisions serves the common good. I support this recommendation and urge you to take it very seriously.

Thank you for your leadership. You are in my prayers.

Fraternally yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.
Archbishop of Louisville

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