



# Office for Evangelization & Catechetical Ministry

Dear Catechetical Leaders,

Wishing you a wonderful beginning to the month of March and hoping that you are preparing for the Lenten season ahead.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

*(The following message excerpt was shared with Pastors and School Principals)*

"A recent health update provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced that the [public health order](#) requiring all individuals in TK-12 schools to wear a mask indoors will be revised from "required" under the law to "strongly recommended" as of March 12<sup>th</sup>.

As a result, the next ten days will be a period of transition in our schools. We must reflect a constant and fundamental respect for the law that masks should be worn. At the same time, the diocese recognizes that in particular school communities principals will be faced with situations where enforcement may become impossible by the school. In such cases, we urge you to use prudential judgment."

## **FAITH FORMATION**

Parish catechetical programs are not bound by the same laws that affect schools, therefore; with respect to faith formation programming, facial coverings are recommended; however, not required. This change is effective immediately.

On behalf of our team, we thank you for your constant support in serving your parish communities. Should you have any additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Marioly Galván