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**Statement re: reopening Catholic schools in Archdiocese**

Prior to today's joint press conference by the City of Houston and Harris County, the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese were in the final stages of completing their reopening plans.

With the support of the Archdiocese, we are a site-based system, and the decision of when and how to reopen is made by the leadership at the local level, in consultation with their school families.

Our Catholic schools educate approximately 18,000 students across the Archdiocese's 10-county region. The schools' reopening plans provide for a variety of approaches, which include virtual, in-person or hybrid options, with start dates from mid-August through September 8. A large number of our schools had already determined they would offer virtual-only instruction through September 8.

The Archdiocese will review today's Harris County Order and current information from local health authorities and make further recommendations as deemed appropriate.

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*The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston serves 1.7 million Catholics in 10 counties. It is the largest Roman Catholic diocese in Texas and the 5th largest in the United States.*

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