Diocese of Helena Catholic Schools Temporary Closure
March 16, 2020 to March 27, 2020

March 15, 2020
7:45 p.m.

Subject: Diocese of Helena Catholic Schools Closed due to COVID-19 virus mitigation
Effective: March 16, 2020 to March 27, 2020

In light of Governor Bullock’s decision to close Montana K-12 Public Schools from March 16 to
March 27, and to help ensure the safety of those most vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus, Bishop
Vetter has announced the temporary closure of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Helena.

This action, in an effort to help avoid an acute health crisis, follows Bishop Vetter’s
announcement of dispensation for Catholics from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass as well
as suspension of reception of the Precious Blood (Chalice) at all Masses. Further guidelines for
health-conscious behavior at Mass and announcements related to the COVID-19 virus can be
found at www.diocesehelena.org

Parents and/or guardians of students are encouraged to contact their local Catholic School for
further information.

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