



## Visitation Catholic School

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Dear Los Angeles County Officials,

As pastor of Visitation Catholic Church and a faith leader in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I am writing to urge your support to reopen Visitation School.

As the pastor of Visitation for 7 years, I have seen firsthand what the Visitation Community can accomplish together. Over these past several months, I have worked with leaders from the Archdiocese, or local community, school officials and parents to ensure that safe and strict guidelines and social distancing protocols are put in place at Visitation School to protect our students and teachers for in person learning.

Last week, the parents at Visitation School met and discussed their feelings for returning to school. An overwhelming majority indicated they are supportive of students returning back to campus for in class instruction and learning. All of our teaching faculty and staff also met and a vast majority are supportive of having in-class instruction resume as soon as possible. Let's prioritize our children, their wellbeing and their education first.

I ask you to approve this waiver and allow in person instruction on campus as early as possible.

Sincerely,

Monsignor James Forsen, Pastor