

## **SFX School Guidelines for Staying Healthy During “Infectious Disease Season”**

**This information is provided by the Diocese of Venice in consultation with Dr. Teresa Stevens, one of our SFX alumni who is also a parent of alumni and former member of the Diocesan School Board:**

- 1. Stay home when you are ill. Children who are ill are required to stay home from school, especially if they have a fever. Any child or adult who is sick must stay home and is not permitted to return to school until, unassisted by Tylenol, they no longer have a fever for 24 hours.**
- 2. If students come to the clinic, they should be kept separated as much as possible and their temperature documented.**
- 3. Addresses and contact information for any students that are sent home sick must be up to date. If any of this information has changed, please notify the school office.**
- 4. Anti-bacterial hand-sanitizing gel, as well as tissues and wastebaskets, are available in the classrooms, offices, and teacher workrooms. All students must wash their hands before lunch and after using the bathroom.**
- 5. The cleaning staff has been directed to disinfect frequently all common-use surfaces such as bathrooms, water fountains, handrails, door handles, and eating surfaces.**
- 6. Those in attendance at school masses will be asked to refrain from holding or shaking hands.**

**Note: Our policy is to follow the direction of the local Health Department regarding occurrences of H1N1. It is the Health Department that decides if a school must close and for how long. The Diocese of Venice’s Communications Department would deal with the media and assist with a communications plan. If a school were to close, students would be directed to take their books home with them so that assignments could be done at home. Teachers should be prepared to have assignments available in the event of such an occurrence, and information will be posted online.**

**Your compliance with this policy is greatly appreciated and will help ensure the health and safety of our children.**