



ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Members of the St. Mary's Dominican High School Community,

Our faith provides a foundation for us as we navigate these new circumstances. Our Dominican Sisters throughout our school's history have provided examples of relying on God in times of difficulty and uncertainties. We continue to follow their example at this time.

To our students, we want you to know that you remain at the heart of all our decisions as a school community. Your teachers and the instructional administration, through their diligent planning, creativity, and sharing of their expertise, now launch the implementation of *Dominican's Home Learning* program. We are now depending on your diligence, your creativity, and your continued commitment to grow in the attributes outlined in the *Profile of a Dominican Graduate*. We have full confidence in you!

To all our school personnel, thank you for the countless ways that you have supported the efforts to prepare for the continuation of St. Mary's Dominican High School's Mission through the use of technology. Thank you for approaching your responsibilities, not as a job, but as part of the Dominican Catholic educational mission! This will continue to serve our students well.

To our Dominican parents, we assure you that we will do all we can using technology to provide opportunities for prayer and reflection, meaningful learning opportunities, and ways for our school community to connect. There are many questions we all may have and answers that are not yet known, but as time and circumstances evolve, the path forward will be made clear.

We also continue to follow the guidance and requirements of public officials and healthcare officials, and we urge our whole school community to do the same.

The following prayer and Mass resources may be helpful as we all turn to God for wisdom, for courage, and for peace:

- **Live streamed from St. Louis Cathedral in NOLA Monday–Friday & 12:05 p.m. & Sunday @ 11:00 a.m.:** <https://thedaily-mass.com/mass/>
- **Word on Fire daily Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. EDT daily:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>
- **USCCB Readings of the day** <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/031820.cfm>
- **Magnificat (daily readings and devotionals) free online access during this time:** <https://us.magnificat.net/free>
- **Virtual Adoration chapels online streaming** <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>
- **Prayer from Archbishop Aymond:**
“Lord, we live in fear and uncertainty as we experience the Coronavirus. Be our strength and our hope. Give healing to those affected and protection to all of us. We ask you to calm our fears and trust in You. We also ask the prayers of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, St. Joseph, and Blessed Seelos to strengthen us in this time of need. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.”

Let us call on our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph, whose Feast Day we remember today, to intercede on our behalf, and let us have peace.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cynthia A. Thomas
President