

April 8, 2020

Dear Villa parents,

As we approach the Holy Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, I am reminded of how our faith nourishes the hope and joy that comes with the resurrected Christ. In the midst of a seemingly dark time, we're surrounded by the beauty of spring – a powerful sign of new life through God and a reminder to be people of hope and promise.

St. Ursula Villa is monitoring the ever-changing information about the COVID-19 pandemic and is committed to keeping our Villa community safe. We are following the recent Ohio Department of Health order extending school closures through May 1, 2020. We are hopeful that our school can reopen on May 4 and will communicate if Governor DeWine updates or changes that schedule.

I recognize parents are now charged with being their child's teacher and helping with schoolwork even while conducting their own jobs from home. Even during this crisis that has turned our daily lives upside down, it has been amazing to witness the love, understanding, and compassion that the St. Ursula Villa community has shown towards each other. Parents and teachers have worked together as we make sacrifices for the safety of our children and provide them with as much normalcy as possible. Our Villa community's encouragement and support is truly a blessing and is deeply appreciated by our children, parents, teachers, staff, and administration.

As we are forced, out of love and care, to observe this Holy Week in the solitude of our homes, we are aware of the blessings of God's love and love for one another. We trust in Christ's promise to remain with us always and celebrate His resurrection with joy, hope, and Easter peace.

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