

Dear St. Mary Parishioners,

In a letter from me in the opening pages of the 2019-2020 edition of the Holy Cross Academy Yearbook, reflecting on my first year at HCA I wrote that I was, “praying for an uneventful 2020-2021 school year” and “looking forward to enjoying all that a normal school year has in store.” I’m not sure if more inaccurate words have ever been written! While this definitely isn’t the type of year any of us expected or asked for, I am proud of how we have worked together to offer our students an outstanding faith-based education in the most challenging circumstances imaginable.

I cannot think of a time when schools were forced to make more changes in such a short amount of time. Through teamwork, creativity, perseverance, and trust in God’s providence we have overcome the many adversities that have been thrown our way. I am so appreciative of our creative and loving teachers who sacrifice each day to help their students grow in knowledge and faith while juggling the demands of in-person and virtual learners. I am amazed and proud of our students for their enthusiasm to learn and adapt to new protocols and daily mask wearing. I am grateful to our families for their support and understanding of the constant tinkering that has taken place in these rapidly evolving times. I am blessed with the steadfast support of the St. Mary priests who continue to offer the sacraments and weekly instruction for our students.

I don’t know if it would be possible to keep us all unified in this pursuit if it were not for our devotion and dedication to our Lord. I find myself returning to scripture quotes like those below during these uncertain times.

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

As 2020 concludes, I am hopeful for better, simpler times ahead. Marching ahead together with our faith in the Lord, we will continue to flatten obstacles put before us.

From all of us at Holy Cross Academy and Holy Cross Preschool, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous, healthy New Year!

*In Christo,*

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