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Dear OLGC School Families,

Thank you for your ongoing support as we have transitioned to Distance Learning these last few weeks. If you have read [Father Michael's letter](#), you recognize this has been a difficult week for our community as important financial decisions have been made regarding staff lay-offs, reduction in hours, or reduction in pay. We remain committed to our ongoing distance learning and our classroom teachers have not been impacted by these decisions. Although we are unsure of what the future holds, we trust in the promises of God and know that our community will be better and stronger for this storm. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and faith as we keep our eyes fixed on God.

We will be taking a break from distance learning starting tomorrow, Holy Thursday, to best honor the Holy Triduum. Our teachers have worked hard to plan instruction beginning again on Tuesday, April 14th. Our Distance Learning approach at OLGC has not been one of "homeschooling." We are not asking you to be the teacher but to support your child's learning as best as you can. Our preferred method of teaching in school and connecting with students face-to-face is not possible and boy, do we miss your children! Our Distance Learning is providing students with the opportunity to learn and interact with their teachers and peers as well as continue new instruction. Our teachers have done an excellent job identifying the essential learning and skills for each content area, designed meaningful lessons to teach the skills and are working to create assessments that authentically measure student learning. We understand that as parents, you are juggling working from home, Distance Learning, and managing your family. For those families desiring additional academic enrichment, please check out the new "[Enrichment Resources](#)" listed under our [Distance Learning Tab](#). We are so appreciative that you are journeying alongside our teachers and engaging in the educational process. This is new for everyone and not easy. Thank you for your continued flexibility and patience as everyone is doing the very best they can.

There is discussion among the Archdiocese regarding a new, recommended common end date across schools to complete our academic school year. We are expecting to communicate an updated Distance Learning Calendar next week.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns. We truly are in this together as ONE family. Our staff is working hard and committed to working alongside you to provide the best for our students. They continue to inspire others across the Archdiocese with their innovative lessons, focus on student well-being, and collaboration. We are blessed to have the very best educators working with our students and praying for your families!

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Finally, I pray your Holy Week has been fruitful so far. As we prepare our hearts and minds for the triumph of Easter Sunday, the AOD is offering a retreat for families this week at 7PM each evening. Tonight, Fr. John Riccardo will be speaking on [Unshakable Confidence in a Time of Uncertainty](#). The AOD also published a [Holy Week Family Guide](#) that includes activities for families. Lastly, you will find a helpful [Holy Week Interactive Guide](#) by our parish that includes inspirational messages and reflections on the daily readings. OLG is offering confessions in the parking lot until 7 PM tonight and from 2-5 PM tomorrow. This Holy Week is unlike any other we have ever experienced. These memories will be imprinted in your children's minds forever. As the Archbishop has reminded us, now is the hour of the domestic Church! May these guides assist you in teaching your children the faith this week, lay the foundation for some new Easter traditions in years to come, and may your family experience an abundance of God's grace.

In Christ's love,

Melissa Hunt, Principal

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