

Dear OLPH Families,

Good morning. First, I would like to say that at this time, we are not aware of any cases of COVID-19 in our OLPH students, faculty, or staff. This something for which we can all be thankful. Secondly, thank you for your patience as we work through the challenges of the extension of Spring Break and transition to distance learning. Lastly, please remember to keep our community and nation in prayer.

Although we have received dispensation from the Archbishop for attendance at Sunday Mass, our spiritual life need not be neglected. As we continue in our Lenten journey, we read today that water is the symbol used in today's readings: "As water sustains life and cleans away the grime and filth that can diminish and destroy life, in the waters of baptism, the sins that alienate us from God are washed away and we are reborn in the Spirit of compassion and community."  
<http://connectionsmediaworks.com/sundaygospel.html#march15>

Next week, the faculty and staff will prepare for distance learning, which will be the medium from which instruction will be taught until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We can expect a hybrid of some online platform, and some textbook and packets of work. There are guidelines that we will need to follow from our accreditation agency, Texas Catholic Conference of Bishop Education Department (TCCB-ED), which effect the core subjects and the minutes that will be taught and documented, so that students can receive appropriate credit for instruction. Separately, we will send a schedule of grades, and by staggering building #, of when families can pick up textbooks and handouts. We have a link our school website, where we will post updated information:  
<https://olphselma.org/covid-19-information>. Underneath this tab, there is also document entitled "Request For Information" that will serve to document questions that we receive. Please send questions to [principal@olphselma.org](mailto:principal@olphselma.org), [burnsf@olphselma.org](mailto:burnsf@olphselma.org), [millera@olphselma.org](mailto:millera@olphselma.org), or [dunnea@olphselma.org](mailto:dunnea@olphselma.org).

Thank you for all that you continue to do for the OLPH community!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help...Pray For Us.