



The Atonement Academy
CATHOLIC + CLASSICAL

March 18, 2020

Dear Lower School Families,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the last few days of an extended spring break, despite disquieting and uncertain times. As we hunker down and brace for the challenges that lie ahead, I pray that the disruption to our daily lives serves as an opportunity to grow closer to those with whom we live and to use our adversities for personal and spiritual growth. As St. Peter encourages us, “as much as we share in Christ’s sufferings” the more we may “rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed” (1 Peter 13-14).

As the various communications you have received over the past several days have indicated, we have been planning to transition to remote learning while the school is closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This morning, Mr. Watson’s letter provided a general description of the Remote Learning Plan across all grade levels, and Mr. Patrick, our IT coordinator, provided technical details on how to log in and utilize FACT-SIS for purposes of beginning remote learning this coming Monday, March 23rd. Should you experience any technical difficulties with FACT-SIS while remote learning is in effect, your principal point of contact will be Mr. Patrick, whom you may reach at dpatrick@atonmentonline.com.

Later this afternoon, your child’s teacher will be sending a communication to introduce each student to their “remote learning classroom.” Thenceforth, your teacher will be your primary point of contact for all matters related to course content, requirements and assignments. As teachers will indicate in their letters, they will be available to you by email to address any questions or concern you may have.

Finally, I also want to ensure you that I am available to you as well. While I would ask, as usual, that you bring your concerns to the first person involved, I am here to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have, whether it relates to issues you have not been able to resolve successfully, or with any more global matters. For the duration of the school closure, please contact me via email at jcreech@atonmentonline.com.

Thank you for your patience with our preparations and transition to remote learning. I am here to support you and your family through this unanticipated adventure.

Yours Sincerely,

John D. Creech
Dean of Lower School