



The Atonement Academy
CATHOLIC + CLASSICAL

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Dear Middle and Upper School Families,

As working from home becomes business as usual, hopefully your family has found some balance between schoolwork, home life, and of course, prayer. Part of the human condition is how we are vulnerable to changes in life. The solution to this, Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, is “prayer” (Philippians 4:6). Father Moore reminded us during his homily this past Sunday when he stated, “turn off the secular news and pray.” Daily mass is now being offered online and can be found on our Parish website, <https://ourladyoftheatonement.org/>.

Thank you, students and parents—this first week of Remote Learning went smoothly. Remember to look at the Resource tab for all your A Day and Math assignments on Tuesday by 9:00 a.m. and for B Day, Latin, and Logic (MS) assignments on Thursday by 9:00 a.m. Please contact your teachers if you have any questions or concerns regarding the assignments. Do not use dashes, commas, or any type of special characters when naming your file to be uploaded onto Homework Drop. This causes the teachers to be unable to view your work. Parents of Upper School scholars (only), if you would prefer to add your child's email address to the list of emails receiving alerts when something is posted on FACTS-SIS, contact Mr. Dan Patrick at dpatrick@atonementonline.com.

Students, by now you should have established a routine to help you manage your day to day tasks. It is important to keep up with this routine in order to develop habits the same way you would at school. Secondly, set your thoughts with the fine and noble things; since, the human mind must be occupied with something. You will find if you think of something often enough, you will come to a stage where you cannot stop thinking about it. Paul tells us to find “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Philippians 4:8). Take some extra time this week to explore those fine things.

Next week is Holy Week! This is relevant for Middle and Upper School, since we will only have our A Day classes on Tuesday, April 7. Even though we are not in school we will have our much-deserved Easter Break. I pray the break will bring you closer to your family and to Christ.

I am always available as needed. You can reach me at apowell@atonementonline.com. I continue to pray for our Atonement community. “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit” (Phil. 4:23).

Sincerely Yours,

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