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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I wanted to provide you a brief update as to our continuing Remote Online Learning (ROL) Program.

First, I want to say, we all continue to pray for one another, our healthcare workers and all who are serving those in need during this National Emergency. We need each other now more than ever.

I am so impressed with the TCA community. We have finished our third week of ROL and it is going extremely well. I always knew we had incredible teachers, staff, administrators, families and students and it has truly been demonstrated these past few weeks. Our students are continuing daily classes online. Our teachers are providing engaging and relevant curriculum via different online modalities while at the same time doing so in their ever caring and compassionate way. Have no doubt about it, TCA students are continuing to learn and continuing to have their spiritual, emotional and social needs met. We have fully entered the 21st century! Our students continue to demonstrate their resiliency and dedication to their families, friends and TCA during this time.

Fortunately for us, we had already been on a digital journey over the years. Our students have access at home by school-provided devices. Our teachers have set up Google Classrooms for each of their classes and collaborate with their students using that platform. Our teachers also are using Google Meet and Zoom to connect more fully with their students via video/audio. Our counselors are engaging students to meet their needs and in the case of our Upper School continuing to work with our Seniors as they continue to prepare for their post-graduation plans. We have dedicated educational service support staff to meet the needs of our students who have Individual Educational Plans. Our administrators continue to demonstrate their remarkable leadership skills in continuing to engage daily with their staff, teachers, students, and families.

You, our parents are the true heroes in all of this. You are balancing all of your family needs and at the same time working along with us to meet the educational needs of your children. A true partnership continues and the social-emotional needs of our students continue to be met as a result.

I was recently a guest speaker on a National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) webinar entitled "Innovation in Catholic Education". In my opening remarks, I said that I have been in Catholic education for 5 years and I witness innovation daily in the school; in the last 3 weeks TCA has innovated exponentially. I know Sister Dorothy is smiling down upon us and saying "good job and thank you".

As we prepare to enter Holy Week, let us continue to offer our prayers and sacrifices to God for an end to the current pandemic and for greater love and understanding in the world. We are blessed in so many ways and this is truly a time for great reflection.

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I am humbled and grateful to all of you for your past and continued support. TCA is blessed with the incredible assistance of our parents, our benefactors, alumni and all who support our important mission - "to serve the youth, to whom God gives tomorrow".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Knowles". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Mr. Knowles