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Holy Thursday

Dear Catholic School Community,

Happy Easter!

If ever there has been a time to take comfort in being part of something greater than ourselves, no doubt the time is now. All of us – administrators, principals, teachers, staff, students, parents and benefactors– are connected through this sacred bond of Catholic education. The cloud of the COVID-19 pandemic brings some form of loss, uncertainty and fatigue with every passing day; however, our faith – indeed the very miracle upon which our faith rests – tells us every passing day in the darkness brings us closer to the light. Good Friday always has an Easter Sunday. Whether it is the light of day, the comfort of healing or the glory of eternal life, light is coming, and it will be here soon.

As he has done so regularly throughout this crisis, Timothy Cardinal Dolan has taken a moment to deliver a video greeting to our entire Catholic school family. [Please enjoy this Easter message from His Eminence, which serves as yet another embrace from our wise and joyful shepherd in these troubling times, by clicking here.](#)

We are also very pleased to tell you that our friends at the Sheen Center for Thought and Culture are providing a gift to all of us for Holy Week as they stream a performance of the critically-acclaimed play, THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, beginning Saturday, April 11 at 4p.m. The play will be available for viewing at [sheencenter.org/gospelofjohn](http://sheencenter.org/gospelofjohn) through Monday, April 13, free of charge. This production weds prayer and theater in a profoundly intimate retelling of the life of Christ through the timeless voice of the disciple John, true to the scriptural text and masterfully performed by Ken Jennings.

**We hope you will join Cardinal Dolan for Easter Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. from America's Parish Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral, televised live on PIX11, with the audio available on The Catholic Channel, Sirius XM 129.**

Please know for every prayer you make, our sisters and brothers in Christ are praying for you and your family. One day soon, we will find ourselves walking through the familiar doors of our schools and churches, we will see friendly faces in person and we shall embrace one another in long-awaited reunions of family and loved ones. We will get there one day at a time, leaning on our faith and knowing miracles do happen, as taught to us by the greatest teacher, Jesus Christ, who rose again, turning the darkness into light.

Wishes for a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Deegan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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